

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2745

5 By: Representative Thomas
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO FUND PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER SALARY
10 INCREASES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO FUND PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER SALARY
16 INCREASES.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 5, Subchapter 3 is amended
22 to add an additional section to read as follows:

23 6-5-309. Use of funds for salary increases - Distribution to Minimum
24 Foundation Program Aid.

25 (a)(1) In each fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, the funds to be
26 allocated from the Educational Excellence Trust Fund for distribution to
27 school districts through Minimum Foundation Program Aid of the Public School
28 Fund shall be utilized by school districts to provide salary increases for
29 certified personnel positions existing in the school district and for no
30 other purposes, except that required social security matching on the salary
31 increases required to be paid by school districts may be paid from the funds.

32 (2) This increased funding shall be divided equally among all
33 certified personnel.

34 (b) The funds to be allocated from the Educational Excellence Trust
35 Fund to Minimum Foundation Program Aid of the Public School Trust Fund shall
36 be disbursed to school districts based on the formula for distribution of



1 Minimum Foundation Program Aid set out in § 6-20-309 and compensatory
2 education funds under § 6-20-320 shall not be used to calculate the
3 disbursement. However, the use of the funds shall be governed by subsection
4 (a) of this section.

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6 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 5, Subchapter 3 is amended
7 to add an additional section to read as follows:

8 6-5-310. Legislative intent - Supplemental funding for public
9 education.

10 (a) It is the intent of this subchapter to supplement, not to
11 supplant, funding for public education in this state.

12 (b) Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed to reduce that
13 portion of general revenue or growth revenues which would otherwise accrue to
14 the Public School Fund.

15 (c) The moneys provided by this subchapter are intended to be in
16 addition to those anticipated to be provided to fund public education for the
17 children of this state at the same historical proportional levels.

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19 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-5-307 is repealed.

20 ~~6-5-307. Classroom teacher salary requirement.~~

21 ~~(a) Any increase in Educational Excellence Trust Fund funds allocated~~
22 ~~for teacher salaries may be used to fund the required salary increase~~
23 ~~provided for in this subsection, § 6-20-412, and § 6-17-2101 et seq., and~~
24 ~~required social security and teacher retirement matching for certified~~
25 ~~personnel may be paid from the funds.~~

26 ~~(b) Educational Excellence Trust Fund funds allocated for teacher~~
27 ~~salaries shall be disbursed by the Department of Education to school~~
28 ~~districts pursuant to the state equalization formula.~~

29 ~~(c) In determining if a school district has had an increase in~~
30 ~~Educational Excellence Trust Fund funds allocated for teacher salaries, any~~
31 ~~annual increase in such trust funds must exceed the level of the highest year~~
32 ~~since 1991 to be classified as an increase.~~

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34 /s/ Thomas