

1 State of Arkansas

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Call Item 4

2 84th General Assembly

A Bill

3 Second Extraordinary Session, 2003

HOUSE BILL 1043

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5 By: Representatives Medley, Green, C. Johnson, J. Johnson, Thomas

6 By: Senators Broadway, J. Jeffress

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT TEACHERS RECEIVE A THIRTY-
11 MINUTE UNINTERRUPTED DUTY-FREE LUNCH PERIOD
12 DURING EACH STUDENT INSTRUCTIONAL DAY; AND FOR
13 OTHER PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

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17 THIRTY-MINUTE UNINTERRUPTED DUTY-FREE
18 LUNCH PERIOD DURING EACH STUDENT
19 INSTRUCTIONAL DAY.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-111(a), concerning teachers' duty-free
25 lunch period during each student instructional day, is amended to read as
26 follows:

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(a)(1) ~~For a minimum of eighty percent (80%) of the student contact~~
28 ~~days, each~~ Each school district in this state shall provide ~~at least a~~
29 thirty-minute uninterrupted duty-free lunch period during each student
30 instructional day for each certified school employee in its employment.

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(2) Any teacher not receiving a duty-free lunch ~~for a minimum of~~
32 ~~eighty percent (80%) of the student contact days shall receive an hourly per~~
33 ~~diem rate~~ period during each student instructional day as provided in
34 subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall be compensated at his or her hourly
35 rate of pay for each missed lunch period ~~unless the teacher waives his or her~~
36 ~~right to be compensated.~~



1 (3) Teachers who have collectively negotiated a contract through
2 a local teacher's association are exempt from the provisions of this
3 subsection (a).

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5 SECTION 2. This act shall be effective at the beginning of the 2004-
6 2005 school year.

7 /s/ Medley, et al
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