1 2	State of Arkansas As Engrossed: H12/23/03 H12/26/03 H12/31/03 H1/13/04 Call Item 84th General Assembly $As Engrossed$: H12/23/03 H12/26/03 H12/31/03 H1/13/04
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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9	For An Act To Be Entitled
10	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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15	Subtitle
16	AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT TEACHERS RECEIVE A
17	THIRTY-MINUTE UNINTERRUPTED DUTY-FREE
18	LUNCH PERIOD DURING EACH STUDENT
19	INSTRUCTIONAL DAY.
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22	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24	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:
27	(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.
31	(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) A school district shall be exempt from the provisions of
2	this subsection (a), if it:
3	(A) Has collectively negotiated a contract through a
4	local teacher's association; and
5	(B) The collectively negotiated contract expressly
6	addresses a duty-free lunch period.
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8	SECTION 2. This act shall be effective at the beginning of the 2004-
9	2005 school year.
10	/s/ Medley, et al
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