

1 State of Arkansas  
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Call Item 4

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1108

5 By: Representatives Dangeau, Bolin, Boyd, Jacobs, Stovall  
6 By: Senators Bryles, Broadway  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO REQUIRE AN AUDIT OF STAFFING NEEDS OF  
11 THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; AND FOR OTHER  
12 PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

15 AN ACT TO REQUIRE AN AUDIT OF STAFFING  
16 NEEDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. (a) The General Assembly recognizes the need to have well-  
22 qualified staff in sufficient numbers to carry out the duties of the  
23 Department of Education.

24 (b) The General Assembly further recognizes that it is the  
25 constitutional duty of the General Assembly to fix, by law, the number and  
26 salaries of the employees of the departments of the State of Arkansas.

27 (c) Therefore, an audit of the staffing needs of the department should  
28 be conducted to assist the General Assembly in making appropriate decisions  
29 regarding the organization and staffing of the department.  
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31 SECTION 2. (a) The House Interim Committee on Education and the  
32 Senate Interim Committee on Education shall meet jointly as necessary to  
33 conduct an audit of the staffing needs of the Department of Education.

34 (b) The committees shall:

35 (1) Conduct an audit of the staffing needs of the department;

36 (2) Recommend to the Eighty Fifth General Assembly any changes



1 in the department's staff positions, salaries, grades, or titles that are  
 2 determined to improve the department's ability to perform its functions and  
 3 duties; and

4 (3) Recommend the amount of appropriations that will be  
 5 necessary to provide adequate staffing at the department, or its successors;

6 (c) The committees shall report their findings and recommendations to  
 7 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
 8 Representatives, and the Governor no later than August 1, 2004.

9 (d)(1) The Director of the Department of Education, or his or her  
 10 designee, shall attend all joint meetings conducted to fulfill the  
 11 requirements of this act.

12 (2) The department shall provide the committees with assistance  
 13 or information as requested by the committees.

14 (e) The committees may contract with individuals or entities to  
 15 conduct the audit of the department's staffing needs to the extent funding is  
 16 appropriated and available for that purpose.

17 (f) The Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council  
 18 Disbursing Officer shall disburse funds for the audit of the department's  
 19 staffing needs from the Interim Committee Study Expenses appropriation.

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 21 SECTION 3. This act shall expire on March 1, 2005.

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 23 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
 24 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that a review of the Department of  
 25 Education's staffing needs must be conducted. The committee work must be  
 26 started in sufficient time to complete the audit and make recommendations  
 27 prior to the Eighty Fifth General Assembly. Therefore, an emergency is  
 28 declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the  
 29 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective  
 30 on:

31 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

32 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,  
 33 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the  
 34 bill; or

35 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is  
 36 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.