

1 State of Arkansas  
2 84th General Assembly  
3 Second Extraordinary Session, 2003  
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Call Item 4

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1118

5 By: Representative Ledbetter  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND  
10 THE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF TO PROVIDE TEACHER SALARY  
11 INCREASES FROM TRANSFERS FROM THE MERIT  
12 ADJUSTMENT FUND; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 AN ACT TO ALLOW TRANSFERS FROM THE MERIT  
16 ADJUSTMENT FUND FOR RAISES FOR TEACHERS  
17 OF THE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND THE  
18 SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. BLIND/DEAF SCHOOLS TEACHER SALARY INCREASE FUNDING. If  
24 sufficient moneys are not available to either the School for the Blind or the  
25 School for the Deaf to fully implement the salary increase provision  
26 contained in Section 15 of Act 638 of 2003 and Section 15 of Act 639 of 2003,  
27 Regular Session, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer the  
28 amount of moneys necessary from the Merit Adjustment Fund to the School for  
29 the Blind Fund Account and to the School for the Deaf Fund Account in order  
30 to provide an annual salary increase to teachers of both schools that is  
31 equivalent to the salary increase provided by the 84<sup>th</sup> General Assembly,  
32 meeting in Second Extraordinary Session, to teachers employed by school  
33 districts.  
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35 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
36 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that teachers of the School for the



1 Blind and the School for the Deaf are an integral part of the K-12 education  
2 system; that teachers in these special settings are not automatically  
3 eligible for salary increases provided to teachers employed by school  
4 districts; and that this act is immediately necessary for teachers in special  
5 settings to receive benefits afforded public school teachers. Therefore, an  
6 emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for  
7 the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become  
8 effective on:

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

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

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

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