

1 State of Arkansas
2 84th General Assembly
3 Second Extraordinary Session, 2003
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As Engrossed: H1/17/04
A Bill

Call Item 4

HOUSE BILL 1118

5 By: Representative Ledbetter
6 *By: Senator Brown*
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9 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

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

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



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

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

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

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

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