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Call Item 4

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1129

5 By: Representatives Ledbetter, Mahony, Thyer
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO EXTEND CERTAIN LIMITATIONS ON A LOCAL
10 SCHOOL BOARD'S AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS;
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT TO EXTEND CERTAIN LIMITATIONS ON
15 A LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD'S AUTHORITY TO
16 ENTER INTO CONTRACTS.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-13-620 (b) and (c), concerning the powers
22 and duties of the school board of directors, is amended to read as follows:

23 (b) Beginning on July 16, 2003, through ~~July 1, 2004~~ July 1, 2005,
24 notwithstanding any other provision of law, no school board of any public
25 school or any governing body of a charter school or an educational
26 cooperative shall enter into any contractual or project obligation exceeding
27 seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) or one percent of the district's
28 total state and local revenues for additional base funding, as defined on
29 lines 15 and 16 of the Department of Education's May 16, 2002 State Aid
30 Notice, whichever is greater, for the purchase, sale, construction,
31 improvement, or repair of equipment, facilities, motor vehicles, buildings,
32 or real property sites without the prior written approval of the state board
33 or the Director of the Department of Education as allowed in emergency
34 situations.

35 (c) Beginning on July 16, 2003, through ~~July 1, 2004~~ July 1, 2005,
36 notwithstanding any other provision of law, no school board of any public



1 school district or charter school shall enter into any personal,
 2 professional, or other service contract on behalf of the school district for
 3 a time period greater than one (1) year without prior written approval of the
 4 state board.

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6 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-17-301 (c) and (d), concerning employment
 7 of certified personnel, is amended to read as follows:

8 (c) Beginning on July 16, 2003, through ~~July 1, 2004~~ July 1, 2005,
 9 notwithstanding any other provision of law except for currently binding
 10 contractual obligations or enforceable court-ordered mandates, no public
 11 school board or the governing board of an educational cooperative or charter
 12 school may employ or extend the employment contract of any superintendent,
 13 assistant superintendent, school principal, department head, coach, teacher,
 14 or other certified or noncertified personnel for a period of time more than
 15 one (1) fiscal year without the prior written approval of the State Board of
 16 Education or the Director of the Department of Education as allowed in
 17 emergency situations.

18 (d) No employment contract or extension to an employment contract
 19 entered on or after July 16, 2003, through ~~July 1, 2004~~ July 1, 2005, may
 20 have a combined total increase in salaries, income, and benefits of greater
 21 than seven and one-half percent (7.5%) of the immediate previous existing
 22 contract for the same or substantially similar personnel position without the
 23 prior written approval of the state board, except for salary or benefit
 24 increases legislatively approved and mandated by the General Assembly,
 25 specifically including, but not limited to, pay increases under The Educator
 26 Compensation Act of 2001, §§ 6-17-2101 et seq., 6-5-307(a), and 6-20-412 or
 27 any salary increase based on an increment for experience or training
 28 published in a currently approved school district salary schedule.

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30 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-20-1201 (b), concerning the authority to
 31 borrow money and issue negotiable bonds, is amended to read as follows:

32 (b) No school district shall have the authority to act in accordance
 33 with the provisions of subsection (a) of this section from July 16, 2003,
 34 through ~~July 1, 2004~~ July 1, 2005, without the prior written approval of the
 35 State Board of Education or the Director of the Department of Education as
 36 allowed in emergency situations.