

"AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 1 OF ACT 585 OF 1977, AS AMENDED [ARK. STATS. 80-113.1] TO EXPAND COVERAGE UNDER SCHOOL EMPLOYEE LIABILITY INSURANCE TO INCLUDE MEMBERS OF SCHOOL BOARDS, TEACHER AIDES AND STUDENT TEACHERS, SCHOOL NURSES, SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS, AUTHORIZED VOLUNTEERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Act 585 of 1977, as amended, the same being Arkansas Statutes 80-113.1, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. The State Department of Education is hereby authorized and directed to establish a self-insurance fund and/or negotiate for and procure a group or blanket policy or policies of insurance insuring school board members, school nurses, substitute teachers, authorized volunteers and each employee of a public school district and each employee of the State School for the Deaf and State School for the Blind who is required to hold a teaching certificate issued by the State Department of Education and each teacher aide and each student teacher in a public school district or in the State School for the Deaf or State School for the Blind against civil liability for acts or omissions of each such employee in the performance of his or her official duties as a school employee, including civil liability for administering corporal punishment to students, in the amount of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) for each incident."

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.