

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

Act 1388 of 2001
HOUSE BILL 2247

5 By: Representative C. Johnson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ALLOW SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN THE DELTA AND
10 IN GEOGRAPHICAL TEACHER SHORTAGE AREAS TO
11 REIMBURSE TEACHERS FOR INTERVIEWING AND MOVING
12 EXPENSES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 DELTA AND IN GEOGRAPHICAL TEACHER
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. The school board of any school district situated within the
24 Delta or within a geographical area of the state where there exists a critical
25 shortage of teachers, as designated by the State Board of Education, may
26 reimburse any person who interviews for employment as a licensed teacher with
27 the district, for the mileage and other actual expenses incurred by the person
28 in the course of travel to and from the interview.
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30 SECTION 2. (a) The State Board of Education shall prescribe rules and
31 regulations which allow for reimbursement to the state licensed teachers for
32 the expense of moving when the employment necessitates the relocation of the
33 teacher to a different geographical area than that in which the teacher
34 resides before entering into a contract.

35 (b)(1) The expense reimbursement shall be allowed for both in-state and
36 out-of-state teachers who enter into a contract for employment in a school

1 district situated in the Delta or within a geographical area of the state
2 where there exists a critical shortage of teachers.

3 (2) The region that is included in the Delta and the geographical
4 area of the state where there exists a critical shortage of teachers shall be
5 designated by the State Board of Education.

6 (c) In order to be eligible for the reimbursement, the teacher must
7 apply to the local district, and the district must obtain the prior approval
8 from the Department of Higher Education for reimbursement before the
9 relocation occurs.

10 (d)(1) If the reimbursement is approved, the department shall provide
11 funds to the school district to reimburse the teacher an amount not to exceed
12 one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for the documented actual expenses incurred in
13 the course of relocating.

14 (2) Allowable expenses shall include:

15 (A) The expense of any professional moving company or
16 persons employed to assist with the move;

17 (B) Rented moving vehicles or equipment;

18 (C) Mileage in the amount authorized for state employees if
19 the teacher used a personal vehicle or vehicles for the move;

20 (D) Meals; and

21 (E) Other expenses associated with the relocation in
22 accordance with the department's established rules and regulations.

23 (e) No teacher may be reimbursed for moving expenses under this section
24 on more than one (1) occasion.

25 (f)(1) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the actual
26 residence to which the teacher relocates to be within the boundaries of the
27 school district which has executed a contract for employment with the teacher,
28 or within the boundaries of the area designated by the State Board of
29 Education as the Delta or a critical teacher shortage area in order for the
30 teacher to be eligible for reimbursement for moving expenses.

31 (2) Teachers must relocate within the boundaries of the State of
32 Arkansas.

33 (g) The provisions of this act shall be contingent on the funding
34 available for the purpose of reimbursing teachers for interviewing and moving
35 expenses under the terms of this act.

36 /s/ C. Johnson

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