

"AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 1 OF ACT 105 OF 1979, [ARK. STAT. 80-1646.1] TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL ADMINISTER COSTS OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FOR KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS; THAT THE BOARD MAY PROMULGATE RULES RELATING THERETO; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Act 105 of 1979, the same being Arkansas Statute 80-1646.1, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. (A). The State of Arkansas shall provide instructional materials for all pupils attending public school kindergarten programs in this State. The term "instructional materials" shall not include:

(1) Materials which are normally considered library resources, textbooks or workbooks;

(2) Ordinary classroom supplies such as pencils, writing pens, and notebook paper; and

(3) Audio-visual equipment such as projectors, tape recorders, record players, and other such items of educational hardware.

(B) The expense of administering this Act shall be paid by the State Board of Education from such funds as may be provided for that purpose, provided that nothing in this Act shall be construed to prevent local boards of education from furnishing such kindergarten instructional materials from local funds. The State Board of Education, through the Department of Education, is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act, which shall provide that:

(1) The kindergarten teaching staff in each school district shall participate, by buildings which have kindergarten programs, in the selection of kindergarten instructional materials to be used in that district.

(2) A school district may apply to the State Department of Education for reimbursement of expenditures for approved kindergarten instructional materials up to the amount allocated to that district under the provisions of this Act. Applications for reimbursement shall be signed by the superintendent of schools and shall be supported by original invoices. Each original invoice shall be signed by a kindergarten teacher who participated in the selection of the materials listed on the invoice.

(C) It shall be unlawful to use materials purchased under the provisions of this Act for purposes other than the instruction of kindergarten pupils."

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 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

APPROVED: February 19, 1987

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