Call Item 34 1 State of Arkansas A Bill ACT 49 OF 1994 2 **79th General Assembly** HOUSE BILL 1025 Second Extraordinary Session, 1994 By: Representative Thicksten 5 6 For An Act To Be Entitled 7 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED § 6-20-802 TO R PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN BORROWING 9 MONEY FROM THE REVOLVING LOAN FUND ADMINISTERED BY THE 10 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER 12 PURPOSES." 13 14 Subtitle 15 "TO AMEND A.C.A. § 6-20-802 TO PROVIDE 16 SCHOOL DISTRICTS GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN 17 BORROWING MONEY FROM THE REVOLVING LOAN 18 FUND." 19 20 21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-20-802 is hereby amended to read as 23 24 follows: 25 "6-20-802. Purposes of loan. Subject to the conditions and limitations 26 contained in this subchapter, any school district may borrow, and the State Board of Education may lend, moneys in the Revolving Loan Fund for any of the following purposes: (1) Funding of its legally issued and outstanding postdated warrants; 29 3 0 (2) Purchase of new or used school buses or refurbishing school buses; Payment of premiums on insurance policies covering its school 31 32 buildings, facilities, and equipment in instances where the insurance coverage 33 extends three (3) years or longer; and replacement of or payment of the 34 district's pro rata part of the expense of employing professional appraisers 35 as authorized by §§ 26-26-601 - 26-26-607 or other laws providing for the 36 appraisal, or reappraisal, and assessment of property for ad valorem tax

- 1 purposes;
- 2 (4) Making major repairs and constructing additions to existing school
- 3 buildings and facilities;
- 4 (5) Purchase of surplus buildings and equipment;
- 5 (6) Purchase of sites for, and the cost of construction thereon of,
- 6 school buildings and facilities, and the purchase of equipment for such
- 7 buildings;
- 8 (7) Purchase of its legally issued and outstanding commercial bonds at
- 9 a discount, provided that a substantial savings in gross interest charges can
- 10 be thus effected;
- 11 (8) Refunding of all or any part of its legally issued and outstanding
- 12 debt, both funded and unfunded;
- 13 (9) Purchase of equipment; and
- 14 (10) Loans to school districts for maintenance and operation of the
- 15 school districts in an amount equal to delinquent property taxes resulting
- 16 from bankruptcies or receivership of taxpayers and for loans to school
- 17 districts in an amount equal to insured facility loss or damage when the
- 18 insurance claim is being litigated or arbitrated. For purposes of this
- 19 subdivision, the loans become payable and due when the final settlement is
- 20 made and the loan limits prescribed by § 6-20-803 shall not apply."

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- 22 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
- 23 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
- 24 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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- 26 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
- 27 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
- 28 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
- 29 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
- 30 act are declared to be severable.

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- 32 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
- 33 hereby repealed.

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35 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the Seventy

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1 Ninth General Assembly, meeting in Second Extraordinary Session, that
 2 expanding the purposes for which school districts may borrow money from the
 3 Revolving Loan Program of the State Board of Education is essential to the
 4 financial stability of school districts when local taxes are tied up in court
 5 or when insurance claims are being litigated or arbitrated and that immediate
 6 implementation of the provisions of this Act are necessary for the efficient
 7 operation of the Revolving Loan Program. Therefore, an emergency is hereby
 8 declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the preservation of the
 9 public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and
10 after its passage and approval.
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