

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 1192 of 2001
HOUSE BILL 1063

5 By: Representatives French, Teague, Cowling, Bolin, Rankin, *C. Johnson, Lowery*
6 By: Senators J. Jeffress, Faris
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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO ALLOW TEACHERS AND OTHER SCHOOL EMPLOYEES TO
11 RECEIVE GIFTS OR COMPENSATION IN RECOGNITION OF THE
12 EMPLOYEE'S CONTRIBUTION TO EDUCATION; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 21-8-402(5)(B), which provides the definition
25 of gift for the purpose of ethics provisions, is amended to read as follows:

26 (B) The term "gift" does not include:

27 (i)(a) Informational material such as books, reports,
28 pamphlets, calendars, or periodicals informing a public servant regarding his
29 or her official duties;

30 (b) Payments for travel or reimbursement for any
31 expenses are not informational material;

32 (ii) The giving or receiving of food, lodging, or travel
33 which bears a relationship to the public servant's office and when appearing
34 in an official capacity;

35 (iii) Gifts which are not used and which, within thirty
36 (30) days after receipt, are returned to the donor;

1 (iv) Gifts from an individual's spouse, child, parent,
2 grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, parent-in-law, brother-in-law,
3 sister-in-law, nephew, niece, aunt, uncle, or first cousin, or the spouse of
4 any of these persons, unless the person is acting as an agent or intermediary
5 for any person not covered by this paragraph;

6 (v) Campaign contributions;

7 (vi) Any devise or inheritance;

8 (vii) Anything with a value of one hundred dollars (\$100)
9 or less; ~~or~~

10 (viii) Wedding presents; or

11 (ix) Anything of value presented to an employee of a public
12 school district, the Arkansas School for the Blind, the Arkansas School for
13 the Deaf, the Arkansas School for Mathematics and Science, a university, a
14 college, a technical college, a technical institute, a comprehensive life-long
15 learning center, or a community college in recognition of the employee's
16 contribution to education;

17 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 21-8-402(7), which provides the definition of
18 compensation for the purpose of ethics provisions, is amended to read as
19 follows:

20 (7)(A) "Income" or "compensation" means any money or anything of value
21 received, or to be received as a claim for future services, whether in the
22 form of a retainer, fee, salary, expense, allowance, forbearance, forgiveness,
23 interest, dividend, royalty, rent, or any other form of recompense or any
24 combination thereof;

25 (B) The term "compensation" does not include anything of value
26 presented to an employee of a public school district, the Arkansas School for
27 the Blind, the Arkansas School for the Deaf, the Arkansas School for
28 Mathematics and Science, a university, a college, a technical college, a
29 technical institute, a comprehensive life-long learning center, or a community
30 college in recognition of the employee's contribution to education;

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32 /s/ French

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35 APPROVED: 3/29/2001