

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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3 Regular Session, 2001  
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# A Bill

Act 776 of 2001  
SENATE BILL 482

5 By: *Joint Budget Committee*  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR A BONUS TO STATE  
10 EMPLOYEES BY TRANSFERS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE  
11 AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER FOR THE FISCAL  
12 YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2001; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE  
16 AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER  
17 - STATE EMPLOYEES BONUS APPROPRIATION  
18 FOR THE 2001 FISCAL YEAR.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE  
25 NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. STATE EMPLOYEE  
26 BONUS. (a) On the effective date of this act, or as near thereto as possible,  
27 each state agency, board, commission and institution shall provide a bonus of  
28 four hundred fifty dollars (\$450.00) to each employee who meets the following  
29 conditions:

30 (1) the employee is scheduled to work at least 1,000 hours per year; and

31 (2) the employee must be on the agency's, board's, commission's or  
32 institution's payroll for the previous two (2) pay periods or be on leave  
33 without pay; and

34 (3) the employee must participate in the State Employees Insurance program.

35 (b) The funds received by the employee from this act shall not be used when  
36 determining retirement benefits for the employee.

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SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND TRANSFER. On the effective date of this act, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall have the sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000), or so much thereof as is required, deposited into the Merit Adjustment Fund from the fund balances of the State Employees Benefit Trust Fund of the State and Public School Employees Insurance Fund. The funds shall only be used to provide the necessary funds and personal services matching costs for the bonus required by this act.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - EMPLOYEE BONUSES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the Merit Adjustment Fund, for transfer to various state agencies, as needed, by the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer to provide a bonus to state employees as authorized in this act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2000-2001
(01) PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ <u>15,000,000</u>

SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER PROCEDURES. Funding for the appropriation transfers authorized by this Act, or for any part thereof, for those state agencies which are supported in whole or in part from general revenues, shall, if required, be provided by a transfer from the Merit Adjustment Fund to the proper fund or fund account and in such amounts as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. The state agencies shall, in addition to the funds provided in this Act for Personal Services from the Merit Adjustment Fund provided herein, make available any funding generated from agency salary savings for such purposes from the funds or fund accounts as provided by law.

SECTION 5. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by

1 this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made  
2 available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions  
3 of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures  
4 Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and  
5 Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this  
6 State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of  
7 Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied  
8 with in disbursement of said funds.

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10 SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly  
11 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained  
12 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act  
13 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations  
14 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by  
15 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral  
16 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint  
17 Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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19 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
20 Assembly, that state employees have not received significant pay increases for  
21 many years; that funds exist from contributions in the state employee  
22 insurance reserve that are unneeded; and salary relief must be granted as  
23 quickly as possible. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and  
24 this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace,  
25 health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of  
26 its passage and approval.

27 If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become  
28 effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor  
29 may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is  
30 overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house overrides the  
31 veto.

32 */s/ Joint Budget Committee*

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35 APPROVED: 3/14/2001