

**ARKANSAS SENATE**  
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**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 778**

"AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE EDUCATION CODE IN  
ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 6."

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**Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 778.**

Amend Senate Bill No. 778 as originally introduced:

Add Senator Argue as a cosponsor of the bill.

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-2203(c), concerning the minimum salary for classified school employees, is amended to read as follows:

(c)(1)(A) Beginning July 1, 2003 with the 2007-2008 school year, and each school year thereafter, each public school district shall increase the minimum hourly rate of compensation provided in this subchapter shall be increased by a percentage equal to the percentage increase of the consumer price index at least equal to the percentage increase in the state minimum teacher salary compensation schedule as set forth in § 6-17-2403(b) and (c).

(B) The classified employees of a public school district may elect by a simple majority vote to apply some or all of the salary increase to improve the public school district's health insurance contributions.

(2) A public school district is exempt from the provisions of subdivision (c)(1) of this section if:

(A) The increase, if any, over the immediately preceding school year in the foundation funding received by the public school district under § 6-20-2305(a)(2) and its local maintenance and operation property tax revenue is not sufficient to meet the salary increase;

(B) It has to increase its salary schedule to meet the new minimum salary requirements for teachers and classified employees; or

(C) It has an average teacher salary greater than one hundred ten percent (110%) of the state average teacher salary as most recently defined and published for that year by the Department of Education.

(3) The department may develop rules necessary for the proper implementation of this subsection (c).

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-17-2403, concerning the minimum teacher



salary compensation schedule, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(g)(1)(A) Beginning with the 2007-2008 school year and each school year thereafter, a public school district shall increase its salary schedule for teachers by a percentage at least equal to the percentage increase in the minimum teacher compensation salary schedule provided in this section.

(B) The teachers employed by a public school district may elect by a simple majority vote to apply some or all of the salary increase to improve the public school district's health insurance contributions.

(2) A public school district is exempt from the provisions of subdivision (g)(1) of this section if:

(A) The increase, if any, over the immediately preceding school year in the foundation funding received by the public school district under § 6-20-2305(a)(2) and its local maintenance and operation property tax revenue is not sufficient to meet the salary increase;

(B) It has to increase its salary schedule to meet the new minimum salary requirements for teachers; or

(C) It has an average teacher salary greater than one hundred and ten percent (110%) of the state average teacher salary as most recently defined and published for that year by the department.

(3) The department may develop rules to implement this subsection (g)."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_

By: Senator Broadway

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Secretary