

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

SENATE BILL 778

5 By: Senators Broadway, Argue  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE  
10 EDUCATION CODE IN ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 6; AND FOR  
11 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

13 AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF  
14 THE EDUCATION CODE IN ARKANSAS CODE  
15 TITLE 6.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-2203(c), concerning the minimum salary*  
22 *for classified school employees, is amended to read as follows:*

23 *(c)(1)(A) Beginning ~~July 1, 2003~~ with the 2007-2008 school year, and*  
24 *each school year thereafter, a public school district shall increase the*  
25 *minimum hourly rate provided in this subchapter shall be increased its*  
26 *minimum salary schedule for classified employees by a percentage equal to the*  
27 *percentage increase of the consumer price index.*

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

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

34 *(A) The increase, if any, over the immediately preceding*  
35 *school year in the foundation funding received by the public school district*  
36 *under § 6-20-2305(a)(2) and its local maintenance and operation property tax*



1 revenue that is in addition to the uniform rate of tax is not sufficient to  
2 meet the salary increase;

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

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

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

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11 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-17-2403, concerning the minimum teacher  
12 salary compensation schedule, is amended to add an additional subsection to  
13 read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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36 /s/ Broadway