

# ARKANSAS SENATE

89th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2013

## Amendment Form

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### Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 213

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2013-2014 FISCAL YEAR.

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### Amendment No. \_\_\_ to Senate Bill No. 213

Amend Senate Bill No. 213 as originally introduced:

Insert an additional section immediately following SECTION 27 of the bill to read as follows:

" SECTION 28. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SPECIAL RATES OF PAY AND EMPLOYMENT WORK DAYS. For current and new full-time employees employed at the Arkansas State Hospital in the classifications listed below, the Division of Behavioral Health Director shall implement salary adjustments to maintain equity between salaries for those employees and teachers with the equivalent level of certification and tenure employed by the Little Rock School District. A salary that meets the standards of the Little Rock School District salary grid for the equivalent certification and tenure but exceeds the maximum level of the classifications listed below, shall not be construed as exceeding the maximum authorized salary of the grade.

To achieve the salary adjustments, the Division of Behavioral Health is authorized to pay special rates of pay for classifications at the Arkansas State Hospital listed below:

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Grade</u>
<u>E044C</u>	<u>Certified Bachelors Teacher</u>	<u>C117</u>
<u>E035C</u>	<u>Certified Masters Teacher</u>	<u>C119</u>

Funding for the minimum compensation provided for in this section that is 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 Division of Behavioral Health shall in addition to the funds provided in this Act for Annual Career Service Recognition Payments from the Merit Adjustment Fund, make available any funding generated from agency salary savings for such purposes from the funds or fund accounts as provided by law.

For current and new full-time employees at the Arkansas State Hospital in the classifications listed above, the Division of Behavioral Health

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Director shall set the number of work days for the employment year to maintain equity between those employees and teachers with the equivalent level of certification and tenure employed by the Little Rock School District. Sick days, personal days, or holidays of the Arkansas State Hospital employees whose salaries are adjusted under this section shall be earned in the same manner as teachers with equivalent certification and tenure employed by the Little Rock School District.

Accrued annual and holiday leave, up to 240 hours, as of June 30, 2013, will be paid out to employees affected by this section. Any additional accrued annual and holiday leave will be forfeited. Accrued sick leave, as of June 30, 2013, shall be retained on file and shall be used until it has been exhausted.

All employees affected by this section shall be eligible to receive hazardous duty pay for time worked in eligible areas.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.”

AND

Appropriately renumber the SECTION numbers of the bill.

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

By: Senator <NA>

By: Representative Nickels

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