

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2013-087

2 State of Arkansas
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2221

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6 By: Representative Dotson

7 Filed with: Interim House Committee on Revenue and Taxation
8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

9 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

10 AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS EDUCATION HOMESTEAD
11 *PROPERTY TAX CREDIT* ACT; TO CREATE AN ADDITIONAL
12 HOMESTEAD *PROPERTY TAX CREDIT*; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.

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16 **Subtitle**

17 *TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS EDUCATION*
18 *HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX CREDIT ACT; AND TO*
19 *CREATE AN ADDITIONAL HOMESTEAD PROPERTY*
20 *TAX CREDIT.*

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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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25 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Title.

26 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Arkansas Education
27 Homestead Exemption Act".

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29 SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings.

30 The General Assembly finds that:

31 (1) The state currently spends thousands of dollars per child
32 educating school age children;

33 (2) Most parents who choose an alternative education program for
34 their child, including private schooling or home schooling, are not only
35 paying to support the public schools through property tax and other state
36 taxes, but they also have to pay for their child's private school tuition or

1 home school materials; and

2 (3) The state would have more money available per student for
3 public schools if more parents and guardians paid for their own children's
4 education programs.

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6 *SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 26-26-1118(a)(1), concerning the limitation*
7 *on the increase of a property's assessed value, is amended to read as*
8 *follows:*

9 *(a)(1)(A) There is established a homestead property tax credit for*
10 *each assessment year that reduces the amount of real property taxes assessed*
11 *on the homestead of each property owner by three hundred fifty dollars*
12 *(\$350).*

13 (B) A taxpayer who is eligible for a homestead property
14 tax credit under subdivision (a)(1)(A) of this section shall receive an
15 additional homestead property tax credit in the amount of one hundred dollars
16 (\$100) for each child:

17 (i) For whom the taxpayer is the parent or guardian;
18 (ii) Who is at least five (5) years of age but not
19 more than seventeen (17) years of age; and

20 (iii) Who is either:
21 (a) Enrolled in a private school; or
22 (b) Attending a home school as defined in § 6-
23 15-501.

24 ~~(B)~~ (C) *However, an assessment shall not be reduced to*
25 *less than zero dollars (\$0.00).*

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28 /s/Dotson
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31 Referred by the Arkansas House of Representatives

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