



STATE OF ARKANSAS
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March 10, 2016

Senator Larry Teague, Co-Chair
Representative Lane Jean, Co-Chair
Joint Budget Committee
Arkansas General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request an amendment to the bill for the Department of Education – Grants and Aid to Local School Districts Appropriation for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year.

Please amend SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION as follows:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017
(37)	NATIONAL BOARD OF PROF TEACHING STANDARDS	13,865,260 <u>13,928,542</u>
(50)	SMART START/SMART STEP	10,666,303 <u>11,506,303</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$2,961,691,661 <u>\$2,962,534,943</u>

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This will provide for the increased number of participants for the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards as well as additional Smart Start/Smart Step expenditures due to Act 950 of 2015 requiring a panic button alert system and a grant to the Arkansas Public School Resource Center for a STEM Impact Pilot Program.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,


Asa Hutchinson

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