

HOUSE AMENDMENT 1 TO hb1810.

striking on line 3 of page 2 the words "TECH ASSISTANCE" and substituting therefor "ACCOUNTABILITY";

and

by striking on line 4 of page 2 the word "FINANCE &" and substituting therefor "INTERNAL";

and

by striking on line 5 of page 2 the words "FOR PLANNING & POLICY DEV" and substituting therefor "INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY";

and

by striking lines 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 on page 2 in their entirety and substituting therefor:

"(6)	827Z	ASSISTANT DIRECTOR COMMUNICATIONS	1	\$70,363	\$72,333
(7)	221Z	ASSISTANT DIRECTOR PUBLIC			
		SCHOOL FINANCE	1	\$70,363	\$72,333
(8)	214Z	ASSISTANT DIRECTOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT	1	\$70,363	\$72,333
(9)	213Z	ED ASSOC DIR PLANNING & DEVELOP	1	GRADE 26	
	031Z	EDUCATION LEGAL ASST TO DIRECTOR	1		
	221Z	ED ASSOC DIR FINANCE	1"		

and

by appropriately renumbering subsequent item numbers;

and

by striking on line 15 of page 4 the figures "844,410 868,054" and substituting therefor "854,356 878,000";

and

by striking on line 16 of page 4 the figures "253,552 258,296" and substituting therefor "255,940 260,684";

and

by striking on line 24 of page 4 the figures "2,241,974 2,270,362" and substituting therefor "2,254,308 2,282,696";

and

by striking on line 16 of page 5 the numbers "0 0" and substituting therefor "0 0";

and

by striking lines 17 and 18 on page 5 in their entirety and substituting therefor "TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$ 2,757,906 \$ 2,806,558";

and

by striking on line 29 of page 5 the figures "1,413,618 1,453,199" and substituting therefor "1,423,564 1,463,145";

and

by striking on line 30 of page 5 the figures "426,863 434,798" and substituting therefor "429,251 437,186";

and

by striking on line 1 of page 6 the figures "1,982,784 2,030,300" and substituting therefor "1,995,118 2,042,634";

and

by striking on line 31 of page 6 the figures "2,987,078 3,070,718" and substituting therefor "2,997,024 3,080,664";

and

by striking on line 32 of page 6 the figures "851,288 868,127" and substituting therefor "853,676 870,515";

and

by striking on line 6 of page 7 the figures "4,862,569 4,963,048" and substituting therefor "4,874,903 4,975,382";

and

by adding new sections immediately after Section 32 to read as follows:

"SECTION 33. APPROPRIATIONS - EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education - General Education Division, to be payable from the Department of Education Fund Account, for grants and aids to the various Education Service Cooperatives and the Cooperative Education Services Coordinating Council, for the biennial period ending June 30, 1999, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS	
	1997-98	1998-99
(01) Arch Ford Education Service Cooperative	\$ 396,368	\$ 308,618
(02) Arkansas River Education Service Cooperative	396,368	308,618
(03) Crowley's Ridge Education Service Cooperative	398,368	308,618
(04) Dawson Education Service Cooperative	396,368	308,618
(05) DeQueen/Mena Education Service Cooperative	396,368	308,618
(06) Great Rivers Education Service Cooperative	396,368	308,618
(07) North Central Ark. Education Svc. Cooperative	396,368	308,618
(08) Northeast Arkansas Education Svc. Cooperaive	396,368	308,618
(09) Northwest Arkansas Education Svc. Cooperative	396,368	308,618
(10) Ozarks Education Svc. Cooperative	396,368	308,618
(11) Pulaski County Education Service Cooperative	396,368	308,618
(12) South Central Ark. Education Svc. Cooperative	396,368	308,618

(13)	Southeast Ark. Education Svc. Cooperative	396,368	308,618
(14)	Southwest Ark. Education Svc. Cooperative	396,368	308,618
(15)	Western Arkansas Education Svc. Cooperative	396,368	308,618
(16)	Wilbur D. Mills Education Svc. Cooperative	396,368	308,618
(17)	Cooperative Education Services Coord Council	428,000	586,000
	(A) Home School Testing	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$6,819,888</u>	<u>\$5,573,888</u>

SECTION 34. READING RECOVERY TEACHER LEADERS. The Department of Education through the Cooperative Education Services Coordinating Council shall allocate up to \$90,000 each fiscal year to provide for a 75% State match for the training of Reading Recovery Teacher Leaders. To access up to \$30,000 for any one grant for the training of Reading Recovery Teacher Leaders, Education Service Cooperatives shall submit applications and guarantee a 25% match of the funds requested from the Department of Education. Further, the Department of Education through the Cooperative Education Services Coordinating Council may allocate up to \$30,000 for any one grant to an Education Service Cooperative without the 25% matching requirement as partial salary for a Reading Recovery Teacher Leader that has been previously trained.

SECTION 35. COOPERATIVE EDUCATION SERVICES COORDINATING COUNCIL. There is hereby created a Council, to be known as the Cooperative Education Services Coordinating Council. Members of the Council shall consist of the Directors of the various Education Service Cooperatives. Members of the Council shall not be entitled to compensation or reimbursement for mileage or other per diem expenses incurred in performance of their duties from monies specifically appropriated by law to the Cooperative Education Services Coordinating Council. The membership of the Council shall elect by a majority vote, a Chairman, Vice-chairman and Secretary/Treasurer and shall adopt by a majority vote of the membership any and all necessary rules and regulations regarding the duties, responsibilities, and operations of the Council.

The primary responsibilities of the Council are to act as a coordinating body for the development and implementation of programs and activities for the benefit of the Education Service Cooperatives statewide and as such shall be eligible to receive stipend funds from state and federal governments, school districts and other public or private sources. Council duties and responsibilities may include coordinating the purchase of commonly needed supplies, materials and equipment in order to reduce the cost of such items to the individual cooperatives. In addition, the Council shall assist in the development and implementation of establishing a distance learning classroom in each of the Educational Cooperatives and including the one to be located in Pulaski County.

SECTION 36. PULASKI COUNTY EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE.

(a) There is established the Pulaski County Education Service Cooperative, to serve as an intermediate service unit in the state's elementary and secondary education system and as such shall be eligible to receive and expend funds from state and federal governments, school districts, and other public or private sources.

(b) The Pulaski County Education Service Cooperative shall provide to the school districts in Pulaski County which choose to use its assistance in:

(1) Meeting or exceeding accreditation standards and equalizing educational opportunities;

(2) Using educational resources more effectively through cooperation among school districts; and

(3) Promoting coordination between school districts, public postsecondary educational institutions, and the Department of Education in order to provide services which are consistent with the needs identified by the school districts and the educational priorities of the state as established by the General Assembly or the State Board of Education.

(c) (1) The Pulaski County Education Service Cooperative shall be governed by a board of directors consisting of one (1) representative of each school district board of directors within Pulaski County.

(2) The board of directors shall function as a public corporate body, shall meet at least eight (8) times each year, and shall exercise general fiduciary responsibilities with regard to policies and practices which guard the integrity of the agency and maintain public trust in its operation.

(3) Such responsibilities, consistent with funds available, shall include, but not be limited to:

(A) Employment of a director of the education service cooperative who shall serve as the nonvoting executive officer of the board of directors;

(B) Establishment of policies and procedures for the operation and management of the education service cooperative which shall be in written form and shall be filed with the State Board of Education;

(C) Preparation of an annual budget estimating income and expenditures for programs and services in accordance with procedures established by the State Board of Education under § 6-13-1006;

(D) Receipt and expenditure of funds needed to provide programs and services in Pulaski County;

(E) Making such surveys or other inquiries which may be required to determine service needs of school districts in Pulaski County and developing plans to provide such needed services.'

(F) Employment, upon the recommendations of the director of the education service cooperative, of such personnel as may be required to provide the services requested by the school districts in Pulaski County;

(G) Implementation of policies established by the State Board of Education for the operation of those education service cooperatives founded under § 6-13-1001 et seq.;

(H) Cooperation with other education service cooperatives, school districts, public postsecondary educational institutions, and other agencies to provide programs and services for children and adults residing within their respective areas'

(I) Renting, leasing, or receiving by gift such facilities and buildings as may be required to provide authorized programs and services; and

(J) Carrying out such other duties which may be required for the efficient operation of the Pulaski County Education Service Cooperative.

(d) In accordance with procedures set forth in §§ 6-13-1008 and 6-13-1009, the Pulaski County Education Service Cooperative shall establish a teacher center and teacher center committee and other committees as necessary.

(e) (1) The Pulaski County Education Service Cooperative shall be administered by a director who shall perform duties in accordance with the requirements of § 6-13-1010.

(2) Personnel shall be employed in accordance with § 6-13-1011.

(3) Subject to approval of the Pulaski County Education Service Cooperative Board of Directors, the Department of Education may assign state educational agency personnel to the education service cooperative.

(f) (1) Each school district in Pulaski County shall be entitled to participate in those programs and services provided by the Pulaski County Education Service Cooperative which are fully supported by state funds and may enter into contracts with the cooperative for services supported partially or completely by local school district funds.

(2) School districts in Pulaski County that participate in services provided by the Pulaski County Education Service Cooperative may also contract for services with another education service cooperative.

(3) No school district in Pulaski County shall be required to participate in any service provided by the Pulaski County Education Service Cooperative."

SECTION 37. CARRY FORWARD. Any unexpended balances of appropriation and funds authorized for the various line items in Section 33 of this Act on June 30, 1998, shall be carried forward and used for the same purpose during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999.

SECTION 38. Of the total amount appropriated each fiscal year of the 1997-99 biennium in Item 17 of Section 33 of this Act, the Cooperative Education Services Coordinating Council shall make available each fiscal year \$10,000 to the Buffalo Island School District, \$10,000 to the Riverside School District and \$15,000 to the Manila School District for the Computer Enhancement Program.

SECTION 39. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer on his books and those of the State Treasurer the sum of \$6,819,888 during the 1997-98 fiscal year, and the

sum of \$5,573,888 during the 1998-99 fiscal year from the Public School Fund to the Department of Education Fund Account to provide funding for the appropriations authorized in Section 33 of this Act.

SECTION 40. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer on his books and those of the State Treasurer the sum of \$100,000 during the 1997-98 fiscal year, and the sum of \$200,000 during the 1998-99 fiscal year from the Public School Fund to the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Fund, specifically to provide funding for the Arkansas/STRIVE Program. The total amount of funds transferred each fiscal year pursuant to this section shall not be subject to any indirect costs by the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

SECTION 41. APPROPRIATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education - General Education Division, to be payable from the Department of Education Fund Account, for operating expenses and grants for the biennial period ending June 30, 1999, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS	
	1997-98	1998-99
(01) ASSESSMENT/END OF LEVEL TESTING	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 2,500,000
(02) TELECOM. STUDIO/AUDITORIUM-BOARD BROADCAST	170,000	20,000
(03) ARK. LEADERSHIP ACADEMY	<u>600,000</u>	<u>600,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 3,270,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,120,000";</u>

and

by appropriately renumbering subsequent sections of the bill.