

ARKANSAS SENATE
83rd General Assembly - Regular Session, 2001
Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 337

"AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND AEA SETTLEMENT
APPROPRIATION."

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 337.

Amend Senate Bill No. 337 as engrossed, S1/25/01:

Add an additional section immediately following SECTION 1 to read as follows:

"SECTION 2. This act is not an admission of liability on the part of the State of Arkansas or any agency or official thereof nor is it a waiver of sovereign immunity or any other defenses or immunities available to the State of Arkansas."

AND

Appropriately renumber the subsequent sections of the bill

AND

Page 2, delete lines 12 through 21 and substitute the following:

"Assembly that the Department of Education was required by circuit court order in 1995 to determine which public school districts in this state have failed to meet their fifty-six percent (56%) obligation; that the deadline for those districts to meet their fifty-six percent (56%) obligation is March 1, 2001; that some school districts do not have adequate funds available to meet their fifty-six percent (56%) obligation; that the court order requires the Department of Education to stop state funding of those school districts on March 1, 2001; that the court order authorizes the department, the plaintiffs, and the individual school district to enter into a negotiated settlement of the school districts' alleged liability; and that this act will provide some matching funds to accomplish the settlement and thereby avoid the withholding of state funds as of March 1, 2001. Therefore, an"

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

By: Senator Mahony
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Secretary