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Amendment Form

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Subtitle of House Bill No. 1534

"AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - GRANTS & AIDS TO LOCAL
SCHOOL DISTRICTS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2003-2005 BIENNIUM."

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1534.

Amend House Bill No. 1534 as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 36, delete "127,000 127,000" and substitute "132,000
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AND

Page 2, line 7, delete "TECHNICAL" and substitute "TECHNOLOGY"

AND

Page 3, line 9, delete "1,733,497,405 1,733,497,405" and substitute
"1,733,502,405 1,733,502,405"

AND

Page 9, delete Section 14 of the bill in its entirety

AND

Renumber the subsequent Sections of the bill

AND

Delete the renumbered Section 19 of the bill in its entirety and substitute
the following:

"SECTION 19. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE
ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
INTERVENTION BLOCK GRANTS FUNDING RESTRICTION. The Department of Education
shall make available from the Intervention Block Grants appropriation
authorized by this Act, one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) each fiscal
year for the annual expenses of the Quiz Bowl, thirteen thousand five hundred
dollars (\$13,500) each fiscal year for Odyssey of the Mind for grants up to
\$1,000 each for students and chaperones, thirteen thousand five hundred
dollars (\$13,500) each fiscal year for Destination Imagination, and five
thousand dollars (\$5,000) each fiscal year for the State History Day
Competition. The Department of Education shall allocate General Revenue
funding totaling no less than one hundred thirty two thousand dollars
(\$132,000) each fiscal year from the Department of Education Public School
Fund Account to support the annual expenses of the Quiz Bowl, the Odyssey of
the Mind for grants up to \$1,000 each for students and chaperones,
Destination Imagination, and the State History Day Competition. The
Department shall either expend or have committed for expenditure the monies



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allocated for the Quiz Bowl, Odyssey of the Mind, Destination Imagination, and the State History Day Competition as authorized herein in order to fulfill the provisions of this section."

AND

By adding the following new Sections immediately after Section 21 of the bill, as previously renumbered, to read as follows:

"SECTION 22. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. EXPLOR-NET FUNDING PROVISION. Of the total appropriation authorized by this Act for Technology Grants the Department of Education shall make available one hundred eighty seven thousand five hundred seventy five dollars (\$187,575) each fiscal year for Explor-Net Program initiatives to teach students computer repair in a hands-on environment. The Department of Education shall allocate General Revenue funding totaling no less than one hundred eighty seven thousand five hundred seventy five dollars (\$187,575) each fiscal year from the Department of Education Public School Fund Account to support the Explor-Net Program. The Department shall either expend or have committed for expenditure the monies allocated for the Explor-Net Program in order to fulfill the provisions of this section.

SECTION 23. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS LEADERSHIP ACADEMY - REDUCTION OF FUNDS RESTRICTION. Upon determination by the Department of Education that a reduction in the amount of available appropriation within the Department of Education Fund Account is required from the amount appropriated, the reduction in the available appropriation from the full amount appropriated for the Arkansas Leadership Academy shall be limited to the average percentage reduction in the other appropriations to the Department of Education from the Department of Education Fund Account.

SECTION 24. Subsection (c) of Section 3 of uncodified Act 1288 of 1993, as amended, concerning the Pygmalion Commission is repealed:

~~(c) The commission shall expire on June 30, 2003, unless the commission is continued by further act of the Arkansas General Assembly.~~

SECTION 25. Arkansas Code Annotated 6-17-2104(j) of The Educator Compensation Act of 2001 is amended to read as follows:

(j) The required salary increase for targeted educators ~~who are prekindergarten teachers~~ shall only be required to be implemented if the local school district has received sufficient state funds as determined by the Department of Education available to completely implement the required salary increase or proportion thereof for the given fiscal year."

AND

Renumber the subsequent sections of the bill

AND

Delete the renumbered Section 28 of the bill, the Emergency Clause, in its entirety and substitute the following:

"SECTION 28. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the

General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2003 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that the General Assembly recognizes the important contribution to education made by the Pygmalion Commission on Nontraditional Education, and that recognizing and identifying how the educational system is failing a child early enough to provide meaningful intervention is necessary to improve the educational outcomes for at-risk students, and the Pygmalion Commission shall expire on June 30, 2003 unless the General Assembly continues the Commission by further act, and that Section 24 of this Act shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval, and that the General Assembly further recognizes the financial hardships placed on school district resources if the required salary increase authorized by The Educator Compensation Act of 2001 is to continue, and that Section 25 of this Act shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval due to the economic downturn of state revenues and insufficient resources to provide school districts with sufficient funds to implement the required salary increase, and that in the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective date of the remaining sections of this Act beyond July 1, 2003, could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety:

- (1) Section 24 and Section 25 of this act shall become effective on:
- (A) The date of its approval by the Governor;
- (B) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or
- (C) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto; and
- (2) All other sections of this act shall become effective on July 1, 2003. “.

The Amendment was read _____
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