

# Hall of the House of Representatives

86th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2007

## Amendment Form

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### Subtitle of House Bill No. 1138

"AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE EDUCATION - ARKANSAS  
REHABILITATION SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2007-2009 BIENNIUM."

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### Amendment No. 2 to House Bill No. 1138.

Amend House Bill No. 1138 as engrossed, H3/8/07 (version: 03-08-2007 15:35)

Add a new section immediately following SECTION 8 to read as follows:

" SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - FORGIVENESS OF STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM.  
OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Workforce  
Education - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, to be payable from the paying  
account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grants  
and aid of the Forgiveness of Student Loan Program for Vocational  
Rehabilitation Counselor classifications authorized for the Department of  
Workforce Education - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services for the biennial  
period ending June 30, 2009, the sum of .....\$160,000."

And

Appropriately renumber subsequent sections of the bill

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Add new sections immediately following SECTION 11 to read as follows:

" SECTION 12. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
FORGIVENESS OF STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM. The Forgiveness of Student Loan Program  
shall be available to counselor's employed by Arkansas Rehabilitation  
Services that have been determined eligible by rules promulgated by Arkansas  
Rehabilitation Services as required by Section 2 of the Act that was  
introduced as House Bill 2646 of 2007. These rules shall be submitted to the  
Administrative Rules and Regulations Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative  
Council and receive prior review. These rules must include the following  
eligibility requirements:

(1) Satisfactory completion of any probationary period;

(2) Proof of a student loan that remains unpaid, including the name and  
address of the creditor;



(3) An executed employment contract in which the counselor agrees to the following:

(a) work for Arkansas Rehabilitation Services for a term that equals two (2) years for each year that the program makes a payment on the counselor's student loan and

(b) reimburse the program the full amount of any loan payments made under this program in the event that the counselor resigns or is terminated for cause before the term of the contract terminates.

The amount of payment to be made directly to the counselor's student loan creditor may not exceed:

(1) Two thousand dollars (\$2,000) per year; or

(2) Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per employee.

SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SPECIAL ENTRY RATES AND RECLASSIFICATION STUDY. The Department of Workforce Education - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (ARS) shall submit a request to the Office of Personnel Management on an annual basis for the purpose of adjusting the Special Entry Rates for Labor Market Conditions for the ARS Rehabilitation Counselor classifications listed below to accurately reflect the authorized Pay Plan salary levels.

<u>CLASS</u>		
<u>CODE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
<u>M058</u>	<u>SR. CERTIFIED VOC REHAB COUNSELOR</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>M127</u>	<u>SR REHABILITATION COUNSELOR</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>M060</u>	<u>CERTIFIED VOC REHAB COUNSELOR III</u>	<u>19</u>
<u>M054</u>	<u>REHAB COUNSELOR II</u>	<u>18</u>

The Department shall also submit this request to the Personnel Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee for their prior review.

In addition, the Department shall also request the Office of Personnel Management to study the classifications listed above to determine whether these positions are properly classified by title and grade. The Office of Personnel Management shall submit their recommendations and findings to the Personnel Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee for their review. The Department shall complete all necessary steps to implement the recommendations and findings of the Office of Personnel Management and the Personnel Subcommittee."

And

Appropriately renumber subsequent sections of the bill.

The Amendment was read \_\_\_\_\_  
By: Representative Adcock  
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