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**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 262**

"AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2007-  
2009 BIENNIUM."

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**Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill No. 262.**

Amend Senate Bill No. 262 as engrossed, S3/5/07 (version: 03-05-2007 14:30)

Add new sections immediately following SECTION 27 to read as follows:

"SECTION 28. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS/STRIVE PROGRAM TRANSFER. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer on his books and those of the State Treasurer and the State Auditor, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) during each fiscal year, of the biennium from the Department of Education Public School Fund Account 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.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2005~~ 2007 through June 30, ~~2007~~ 2009.

SECTION 29. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL, AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING TRANSFERS.

(a) On July 1, 2007 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer on his books and those of the State Treasurer and the State Auditor, twenty-one million seven hundred three thousand seven hundred ninety dollars (\$21,703,790) from the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund to the Department of Education Public School Fund Account for the purpose of funding the Ninety-eight Percent (98%) Uniform Rate of Tax (URT) Actual Collection Adjustment for fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2008-09 as appropriated herein.

(b) The Department of Education shall create a sub-fund within the Department of Education Public School Fund Account to receive this transfer of twenty-one million seven hundred three thousand seven hundred ninety dollars (\$21,703,790) from the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund, and shall use these funds exclusively for the payment of the 98% URT Actual



Collection Adjustment and the study of the implementation of the 98% URT Actual Collection Adjustment.

(c) The legislature is totally committed to insuring each school district receives the amount of foundation funding provided for in Arkansas Code §6-20-2305(a)(2)(A) and (B), regardless of the amount of revenue collected by the counties. However, there is a genuine question concerning the efficiency and effectiveness in the county collection process. House Bill 1632 of 2007 contains a provision requiring the Division of Legislative Audit to investigate and report proposed changes to the county collection process. Based on these proposed efficiencies, the Legislature intends to provide full general revenue funding for the 98% URT Actual Collection Adjustment in the next biennium. The use of the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund is a "bridge" providing full funding subject to a final decision on collection improvements.

(d) Subsection (c) above shall also apply to the "Funding Transfers" section of Special Language in Act 229 of 2007.

SECTION 30. Arkansas Code § 6-17-1117(b), concerning Department of Education contributions to health insurance premiums for public school employees, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1)(A) The Department of Education shall pay the Employee Benefits Division of the Department of Finance and Administration a minimum of sixty-one dollars (\$61.00) per month for each eligible employee of a public school district electing to participate in the public school employees' health insurance program administered by the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Board.

(B) The Department of Education shall make the total contributions under subdivision (b)(1)(A) of this section by transferring thirty-five million dollars (\$35,000,000) to the division in eleven (11) equal monthly installments.

(2) The funds provided to the division under this subsection shall be administered by the board for the benefit of the employee participants of the public school employees' health insurance program.

(3)(A)~~(i)~~ In the event that appropriation or funding is not provided, the department shall not be responsible for the increased payments for the public school employee health insurance program as established by this section.

~~(ii)~~(B) If funding and appropriation are provided but are inadequate for the total number of employees electing to participate in the public school employees' health insurance program, the department shall pay a proportional share on behalf of each participant.

(C) If funding and appropriation are provided and exceed the amount needed to make the minimum contribution under subdivision (b)(1)(A), the department shall pay a proportional share of the excess on behalf of each participant.

~~(B)~~(4) Notwithstanding the special language provision in the department's appropriation act granting transfer authority or any other law to the contrary, appropriation and funding provided for the purposes of this section shall not be transferred by the department for any other purpose.

SECTION 31. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. The

Special Language regarding "Health Insurance" as authorized in SECTION 23 of Act 229 of 2007 is amended to read as follows:

SECTION 23. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. HEALTH INSURANCE. Beginning with the 1996-97 school year, Local School Districts shall pay no less than the health insurance contribution rate established by Arkansas Code 6-17-1117 for each eligible employee electing to participate in the Public School Employee Health Insurance Program. The appropriation contained herein for Public School Employee Insurance each fiscal year shall be used to provide the state contribution for insurance premiums for employees of the Cooperative Education Services Areas, Vocational Centers, and the school operated by the Department of Correction who participate in the Arkansas Public School Life and Health Insurance Program.

In addition, the Department of Education shall pay the Employee Benefits Division of the Department of Finance and Administration a minimum of sixty-one dollars (\$61) per month for each eligible employee electing to participate in the public school employee health insurance program.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2005~~ 2007 through June 30, ~~2007~~ 2009."

And

Appropriately renumber subsequent sections of the bill.

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_  
By: Representatives Bond, Thyer  
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