ARKANSAS SENATE

86th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2007 **Amendment Form**

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 778 "AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE EDUCATION CODE IN ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 6."

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 778.

Amend Senate Bill No. 778 as originally introduced:

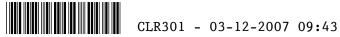
Add Senator Argue as a cosponsor of the bill.

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following: "SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-2203(c), concerning the minimum salary for classified school employees, is amended to read as follows:

- (c)(1)(A) Beginning $\frac{\text{July }1, 2003}{\text{ with the }2007-2008 \text{ school year, and}}$ each school year thereafter, each public school district shall increase the minimum hourly rate of compensation provided in this subchapter shall be increased by a percentage equal to the percentage increase of the consumer price index at least equal to the percentage increase in the state minimum teacher salary compensation schedule as set forth in § 6-17-2403(b) and (c).
- (B) The classified employees of a public school district may elect by a simple majority vote to apply some or all of the salary increase to improve the public school district's health insurance contributions.
- (2) A public school district is exempt from the provisions of subdivision (c)(1) of this section if:
- (A) The increase, if any, over the immediately preceding school year in the foundation funding received by the public school district under § 6-20-2305(a)(2) and its local maintenance and operation property tax revenue is not sufficient to meet the salary increase;
- (B) It has to increase its salary schedule to meet the new minimum salary requirements for teachers and classified employees; or
- (C) It has an average teacher salary greater than one hundred ten percent (110%) of the state average teacher salary as most recently defined and published for that year by the Department of Education.
- (3) The department may develop rules necessary for the proper implementation of this subsection (c).

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-17-2403, concerning the minimum teacher



salary compensation schedule, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

- (g)(1)(A) Beginning with the 2007-2008 school year and each school year thereafter, a public school district shall increase its salary schedule for teachers by a percentage at least equal to the percentage increase in the minimum teacher compensation salary schedule provided in this section.
- (B) The teachers employed by a public school district may elect by a simple majority vote to apply some or all of the salary increase to improve the public school district's health insurance contributions.
- (A) The increase, if any, over the immediately preceding school year in the foundation funding received by the public school district under § 6-20-2305(a)(2) and its local maintenance and operation property tax revenue is not sufficient to meet the salary increase;
- (B) It has to increase its salary schedule to meet the new minimum salary requirements for teachers; or
- (3) The department may develop rules to implement this subsection (g)."

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