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Amendment Form

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Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 48

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - GRANTS AND AID TO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2014-2015 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill No. 48

Amend Senate Bill No. 48 as originally introduced:

Page 6, insert the following SECTIONS immediately following SECTION 8 to read as follows:

" SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - BROADBAND FACILITIES MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Department of Education Public School Fund Account, for matching funds for the Broadband Facilities Matching Grant Program, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015
(01) BROADBAND GRANTS STATE MATCH	<u>\$10,000,000</u>

SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. BROADBAND FACILITIES MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM - RESTRICTIONS AND MATCHING FUNDS. (i) The appropriation in this Act for the Broadband Facilities Matching Grant Program shall not be used for Arkansas Research and Education Optical Network (AREON) or Middle Mile Connectivity.

(ii) The funds appropriated for state match for the Broadband Facilities Matching Grant Program in this Act shall be paid on a one-to-one state/local matching basis.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. Any unexpended balance of monies allocated for the Broadband Facilities Matching Grant Program remaining on June 30, 2015, in the Department of Education Public School Fund Account shall be designated and retained for the Broadband Facilities Matching Grant Program.

Any carry forward of unexpected balance of funding as authorized herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions:



(1) Prior to June 30, 2015 the Agency shall by written statement set forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

(2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward, the program name or line item, the funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the written request set forth in item (1) above;

(3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose, etc. for which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30) days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget Committee; and

(4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include all information obtained in item (3) above in the budget manuals and/or a statement of non-compliance by the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

SECTION 12. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 21-5-405(b)(4)(C)(i), concerning additional duties of the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Board, is amended to read as follows:

(C)(i) A school district shall ensure that all funding allocated for public school employee health insurance through the matrix per-student funding calculation used in the most recent adequacy study conducted under the Continuing Adequacy Evaluation Act of 2004, § 10-3-2101 et seq., is used in the school year in which the funding is received or in the following school year to support public school employee health insurance premiums by:

(a) Increasing the amount that the school district contributes for health insurance per participating public school employee; or

(b) Making contributions to the health savings accounts of participating public school employees."

And

appropriately renumber the subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

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

By: Joint Budget Committee
By: Senator Teague
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