

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1878

By: Representative Hyde

Filed with: House Interim Committee on Education
pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT ALL STATE FUNDS PROVIDED
FOR TEACHER HEALTH INSURANCE IN THE FOUNDATION
MATRIX ARE SPENT ON TEACHER HEALTH INSURANCE; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ENSURE THAT ALL STATE FUNDS PROVIDED
FOR TEACHER HEALTH INSURANCE IN THE
FOUNDATION MATRIX ARE SPENT ON TEACHER
HEALTH INSURANCE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(e) and (f) concerning state
foundation funding aid for teacher health insurance is amended to read as
follows:

(e) Funds distributed to a school district ~~districts~~ district under subsection
(b) of this section shall be expended on:

(1) The students within each category of special needs for which
the funds were allocated;

(2) ~~Any~~ The students within any category of special needs under
subsection (b) of this section as permitted by rules issued by the State
Board of Education; or

(3) If the Department of Education determines that a school



1 district's expenditure of funds allocated under subsection (b) of this
2 section would result in the school district's losing funding under any
3 federal law, then the funds allocated to a school district under subsection
4 (b) of this section may be expended for other academic programs or salaries
5 as permitted by the Department of Education.

6 (f) Funds distributed to a school district under subsection (a) of
7 this section, identified for teacher health insurance in the calculation of
8 the yearly foundation funding amount, shall be used to provide teacher health
9 insurance coverage and for no other purpose.

10 ~~(f)(g) In order for a school district to~~ To be entitled to state funds
11 under the provisions of this subchapter, ~~the~~ a school district shall ~~satisfy~~
12 ~~the following requirements:~~

13 (1) ~~Expenditures~~ Ensure that expenditures for any fiscal year
14 shall not exceed the legal revenues for that fiscal year;

15 (2) ~~The school district shall maintain~~ Maintain records and make
16 reports relative to attendance, receipts, and disbursements and other reports
17 as required by the Department of Education for the administration of this
18 subchapter;

19 (3) ~~The school district shall maintain~~ Maintain proper financial
20 records in accordance with the state's school accounting manual and
21 regulations promulgated by the State Board of Education;

22 (4)(A) ~~Each school year the school district shall file~~ File with
23 the State Board of Education a salary schedule for its certified employees
24 that recognizes a minimum level of training and experience.

25 (B) The schedule shall reflect the actual pay practices of
26 the school district, including all fringe benefits.

27 (C) Salary increments for experience or education, or
28 both, shall be identified on the schedule; and

29 (5)(A) ~~All~~ Require that all pupil attendance records shall be
30 kept in their original form and shall be public records.

31 (B) The records shall be kept according to law and
32 regulations on paper or electronic forms either furnished or approved by the
33 Department of Education.

34 (C) After the school term has ended, the superintendent of
35 the school district shall:

36 (1) Keep the original attendance records on file for

1 a period of three (3) school years; and

2 (2) Make the original attendance records available
3 for monitoring purposes during any day of the school term for the teachers or
4 other persons designated to keep attendance.

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