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By: Representatives Watts

HOUSE BILL 1963

"AN ACT TO AMEND SUBSECTION (d) OF SECTION 11 OF ACT 34 OF THE FIRST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF 1983 AS AMENDED, [ARK. STATS. 80-850.20(d)] TO PROVIDE FOR WAIVERS FROM THE SALARY REQUIREMENT DUE TO ONE TIME INCREASES IN NET CURRENT REVENUE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (d) of Section 11 of Act 34 of the First Extraordinary Session of 1983, the same being Arkansas Statutes 80-850.20(d), is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(d) In school year 1985-86 and each school year thereafter, each district in the State shall pay its certified personnel an amount equal to at least seventy percent (70%) of its net current revenue. In such years, not less than eighty percent (80%) of seventy percent (70%) of each school district's increase in net current revenue over the net current revenue received the previous school year less the total salary expenditure required to fund additional certified personnel added to the staff of the district in such school year shall be divided equally among the certified personnel positions existing in the district in such year unless the board of directors of the district and a majority of the teachers agree to a different distribution. The district shall file with the State Board of Education annually a salary schedule for its certified employees which recognizes as a minimum training and experience. This schedule shall reflect the actual pay practices of the district, including all fringe benefits. The State Department of Education shall have the authority to grant exemptions from all requirements in this section under guidelines approved by the State Board of Education upon petition by a school district demonstrating extenuating circumstances resulting from an extraordinary one-time increase in net current revenue such as the conver-

sion of debt service millage to maintenance and operation."

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that some school districts have unusual increases in their net current revenue, and the requirements placed on these school districts, under the present law, as a result of the increases in net current revenue may force these districts to spend an inappropriate amount on salaries and benefits for certified personnel; and that this Act is necessary to eliminate such inequity. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

