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By: Representative Turner

HOUSE BILL 2060

"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM SALARIES TO BE PAID THE TEACHERS
OF ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. The title of this Act shall be: "The Teachers' Minimum Salary Law."

SECTION 2. Definitions. (a) the term "teacher" as used in this Act shall include any full-time employee of a local public school district who is compelled by law to secure a license from the State Board of Education as a condition precedent to employment in a position in or related to grades one (1) through twelve (12) of the public schools of the State.

(b) The level of professional training of each teacher, used in establishing the minimum salary of said teacher for each year shall be determined by the type of valid teaching certificate issued to such teacher on or before November 1 of the current fiscal year.

SECTION 3. Minimum Salaries. The Board of Directors of each school district in the State shall pay their teachers upon a salary schedule providing a minimum beginning base salary as hereinafter prescribed. The salaries fixed herein shall be regarded as minimum salaries only and each district may supplement such salaries.

(a) For the school year 1987-88:

(1) The minimum annual base pay for a teacher with a Bachelor's degree, holding any certificate for which the minimum requirement is the Bachelor's degree, shall be \$15,000, and

(2) The minimum annual base pay for a teacher with a Master's degree or higher shall be \$17,250.

(b) For each school year subsequent to the 1987-88 school year, to and including the 1990-91 school year, the amounts prescribed in (1) and (2) above shall be increased by \$1,200 over the previous school year.

SECTION 4. In the event that the amount of money required by law to be used to pay teachers' salaries in any school district is insufficient to pay the minimum salaries prescribed in Section 3, such school district shall pay to its teachers that proportion of the salaries provided in Section 3 which the total of the funds available bears to the total funds required to pay the schedule in full.

SECTION 5. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 1987.

SECTION 6. Act 163 of 1965 is hereby repealed as of June 30, 1987.

