

State of Arkansas

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL

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CALL ITEM 71

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By: Representative S. Miller

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO EXEMPT PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF ACT 903 OF 1989 UNTIL THE STATE PROVIDES ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR COMPLIANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. The provisions of Act 903 of 1989 shall not apply to libraries of public elementary schools until such time as the State provides adequate specific funding to the libraries for compliance with the Act.

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 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 4. Emergency. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that Act 903 of 1989 requires, among other things, that public libraries shall use an automated or Gaylord type circulation system that does not identify a patron with circulated materials after materials are returned; that this requirement is a particularly burdensome requirement on our public elementary school libraries; that this Act will stay the requirement as to public elementary school libraries until the State provides funding for compliance; and that this Act should go into effect immediately in order to grant the needed relief to our public elementary school libraries. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being immediately 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.