

State of Arkansas

77th General Assembly A Bill

Third Extraordinary Session, 1989

SENATE BILL 15

By: Joint Budget Committee

CALL ITEM 32

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY IN RECRUITING AND RETAINING
EXCEPTIONALLY WELL QUALIFIED ACADEMIC PERSONNEL; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 6-63-309(a) and (b) are hereby amended to read as follows:

"(a) In order that exceptionally well-qualified academic personnel may be recruited and retained, each state supported institution of higher education may exceed the maximum salary levels by no more than twenty-five percent (25%) for no more than ten percent (10%) of the positions authorized in their biennial operations appropriation act as Academic Dean, Division Head or Chair, Department Chair, Distinguished Professor, University Professor, Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Instructor, Extension Specialist IV, Extension Specialist III, Extension Specialist II, Extension Specialist I, County Extension Agent-Chairman I, or County Extension Agent-Chairman II.

(b) "

SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this Act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this Act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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 CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the Seventy-Seventh General Assembly, meeting in Third Extraordinary Session that current State limitation on line-item maximum salaries cause considerable difficulty in recruiting and retaining exceptionally well-qualified academic personnel and place undue restrictions on Institutions of Higher Education, and these conditions restrict educational opportunities for the citizens of this State; and that the provisions of this Act will remedy such situations. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after November 15, 1989.