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3 Regular Session, 1997

HOUSE BILL 1810

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5 By: Joint Budget Committee

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND
10 OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
11 GENERAL EDUCATION DIVISION FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING
12 JUNE 30, 1999; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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Subtitle

15 "AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
16 - GENERAL EDUCATION DIVISION
17 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 1997-99 BIENNIUM."

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

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21 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the
22 Department of Education - General Education Division for the 1997-99 biennium,
23 the following maximum number of regular employees whose salaries shall be
24 governed by the provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act
25 (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory
26 thereto. Provided, however, that any position to which a specific maximum
27 annual salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt from the
28 provisions of said Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All persons
29 occupying positions authorized herein are hereby governed by the provisions of
30 the Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-
31 101), or its successor.

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| Item | Class | No. of | Maximum Annual |
|----------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| | | Employees | Salary Rate |
| | | | Fiscal Years |
| No. | Code | Title | 1997-98 1998-99 |

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|----|------|--|----|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | (1) | 9945 ED DIRECTOR - GENERAL DIVISION | 1 | \$100,213 | \$103,018 |
| 2 | (2) | 9952 ED DEP DIRECTOR - GENERAL DIVISION | 1 | \$ 86,064 | \$ 88,473 |
| 3 | (3) | 9500 ASST DIR ACCOUNTABILITY | 1 | \$ 70,363 | \$ 72,333 |
| 4 | (4) | 9501 ASST DIR INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION | 1 | \$ 70,363 | \$ 72,333 |
| 5 | (5) | 9502 ASST DIR INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY | 1 | \$ 70,363 | \$ 72,333 |
| 6 | (6) | 827Z ASSISTANT DIRECTOR COMMUNICATIONS | 1 | \$ 70,363 | \$ 72,333 |
| 7 | (7) | 221Z ASSISTANT DIRECTOR PUBLIC | | | |
| 8 | | SCHOOL FINANCE | 1 | \$ 70,363 | \$ 72,333 |
| 9 | (8) | 214Z ASSISTANT DIRECTOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT | 1 | \$ 70,363 | \$ 72,333 |
| 10 | (9) | 213Z ED ASSOC DIR PLANNING & DEVELOP | 1 | | GRADE 26 |
| 11 | | 031Z EDUCATION LEGAL ASST TO DIRECTOR | 1 | | |
| 12 | | 221Z ED ASSOC DIR FINANCE | 1 | | |
| 13 | | R005 ED ASSISTANT TO DIRECTOR | 1 | | |
| 14 | | 216Z ED ASSOC DIR FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION | 1 | | |
| 15 | | 217Z ED ASSOC DIR FEDERAL PROGRAMS | 1 | | |
| 16 | (10) | 066Z ED-REGIONAL LEARNING COORD | 1 | | GRADE 24 |
| 17 | | R036 ATTORNEY | 2 | | |
| 18 | | 901Z ED SCHOOL INSURANCE ADMINISTRATOR | 1 | | |
| 19 | (11) | 238Z ED COORD TEACHER EDUC, CERT & TEST | 1 | | GRADE 23 |
| 20 | | D100 DP SENIOR PROJECT LEADER | 1 | | |
| 21 | | A123 ED INTERNAL AUDITOR | 2 | | |
| 22 | | 990Z ED COORD STUDENT ASSESSMENT PROGRAM | 1 | | |
| 23 | | 233Z ED DIR CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS | 1 | | |
| 24 | | 227Z ED COORD CHAPTER I PROGRAMS | 1 | | |
| 25 | | 237Z ED COORD SPECIAL EDUCATION | 1 | | |
| 26 | | 836Z COORDINATOR OF CHAPTER II | 1 | | |
| 27 | (12) | 909Z PROGRAM SUPPORT MANAGER | 22 | | GRADE 22 |
| 28 | | A047 GENERAL FINANCE COORDINATOR | 2 | | |
| 29 | | D066 SYSTEMS COORDINATION ANALYST II | 1 | | |
| 30 | | D124 LEAD PROGRAMMER/ANALYST | 3 | | |
| 31 | | V042 GENERAL SERVICES MANAGER | 1 | | |
| 32 | | 235Z ED COORD SCHOOL PLANT SERVICES | 1 | | |
| 33 | | 062Z DEPT OF EDUCATION PERSONNEL MANAGER | 1 | | |
| 34 | | 229Z ED COORD INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS | 1 | | |
| 35 | (13) | R288 PUBLIC SCHOOL ADMIN ADVISOR | 45 | | GRADE 21 |

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|----|-----------|-------------------------------------|----|----------|
| 1 | R027 | ED COORD PLANNING & EVALUATION | 1 | |
| 2 | R290 | PUBLIC SCHOOL PROGRAM ADVISOR | 46 | |
| 3 | D036 | SR PROGRAMMER/ANALYST | 2 | |
| 4 | D123 | APPLICATIONS & SYSTEMS ANALYST | 1 | |
| 5 | A008 | ACCOUNTING SUPERVISOR II | 1 | |
| 6 | R028 | ED PROGRAM ANALYST | 14 | |
| 7 | E028 | ED PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR | 3 | |
| 8 | (14) R133 | AGENCY DIRECTOR RESEARCH & STATS | 1 | GRADE 20 |
| 9 | X394 | SCHOOL INSURANCE SPECIALIST | 3 | |
| 10 | R266 | MANAGEMENT PROJECT ANALYST II | 2 | |
| 11 | A006 | ACCOUNTING SUPERVISOR I | 2 | |
| 12 | V005 | ED SUPERVISOR SPECIAL SERVICES | 1 | |
| 13 | A056 | INTERNAL AUDITOR | 1 | |
| 14 | (15) R168 | GRANTS COORDINATOR II | 3 | GRADE 19 |
| 15 | R030 | ASST PERSONNEL MANAGER | 1 | |
| 16 | (16) A111 | ACCOUNTANT | 7 | GRADE 18 |
| 17 | D034 | PROGRAMMER ANALYST | 1 | |
| 18 | R204 | PARALEGAL/LEGAL ASSISTANT | 1 | |
| 19 | E072 | TRAINING INSTRUCTOR | 1 | |
| 20 | G028 | BUILDING PLANT MAINTENANCE SUPV II | 1 | |
| 21 | V040 | PURCHASE AGENT II/PURCHASE AGENT | 1 | |
| 22 | (17) R010 | ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II | 15 | GRADE 17 |
| 23 | G161 | GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPAIRMAN | 1 | |
| 24 | A034 | FIELD AUDITOR | 1 | |
| 25 | (18) G027 | BUILDING PLANT MAINTENANCE SUPV I | 1 | GRADE 16 |
| 26 | (19) R009 | ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT I | 15 | GRADE 15 |
| 27 | A108 | ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN II | 3 | |
| 28 | K105 | REPROD EQUIPMENT OPERATOR SUPV | 1 | |
| 29 | A063 | PAYROLL OFFICER | 1 | |
| 30 | (20) K041 | EXECUTIVE SECY/ADMINISTRATIVE SECY | 1 | GRADE 14 |
| 31 | (21) K153 | SECRETARY II | 24 | GRADE 13 |
| 32 | Y083 | PRINTER I | 2 | |
| 33 | R125 | PERSONNEL OFFICER | 1 | |
| 34 | (22) K115 | STATISTICIAN ASST II/STATISTICIAN I | 2 | GRADE 12 |
| 35 | A106 | ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN I | 6 | |

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|---|---|----------|----------|
| 1 | K181 MAILROOM SUPERVISOR | 1 | |
| 2 | K039 DOCUMENT EXAMINER II | 2 | |
| 3 | (23) K155 SECRETARY I | 31 | GRADE 11 |
| 4 | V041 PURCHASING ASSISTANT | 1 | |
| 5 | (24) K103 REPROD EQUIPMENT OPERATOR | 2 | GRADE 10 |
| 6 | K097 RECEPTIONIST | 1 | |
| 7 | (25) G109 BLDG/EQUIP MAINT REPAIRMAN II | <u>1</u> | GRADE 08 |
| 8 | MAX NO. OF EMPLOYEES | 311 | |

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS - ACCOUNTABILITY/ASSESSMENT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education - General Education Division, to be payable from the Department of Education Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Education - General Education Division - Accountability/Assessment for the biennial period ending June 30, 1999, the following:

| ITEM NO. | | FISCAL YEARS | |
|----------|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| | | 1997-98 | 1998-99 |
| (01) | REGULAR SALARIES | \$ 854,356 | \$ 878,000 |
| (02) | PERSONAL SERV MATCHING | 255,940 | 260,684 |
| (03) | MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | | |
| (A) | OPER. EXPENSE | 292,744 | 292,744 |
| (B) | CONF. & TRVL. | 16,000 | 16,000 |
| (C) | PROF. FEES | 785,268 | 785,268 |
| (D) | CAP. OUTLAY | 0 | 0 |
| (E) | DATA PROC. | 0 | 0 |
| (04) | SCHOOL REPORT CARD/ALTERNATIVE CERT. GRANTS | <u>50,000</u> | <u>50,000</u> |
| | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u>\$ 2,254,308</u> | <u>\$ 2,282,696</u> |

SECTION 3. EXTRA HELP - DIRECTOR'S OFFICE. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Education - General Education Division - Director's Office for the 1997-99 biennium, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: eight (8) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the

1 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for
 2 the appropriate classification.

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4 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATIONS - DIRECTOR'S OFFICE. There is hereby
 5 appropriated, to the Department of Education - General Education Division to
 6 be payable from the Department of Education Fund Account, for personal
 7 services and operating expenses of the Department of Education - General
 8 Education Division - Director's Office for the biennial period ending June 30,
 9 ~~1999, the following:~~

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| 11 ITEM | FISCAL YEARS | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 12 NO. | 1997-98 | 1998-99 |
| 13 (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$ 1,624,536 | \$ 1,664,591 |
| 14 (02) EXTRA HELP | 14,998 | 14,998 |
| 15 (03) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING | 416,399 | 424,996 |
| 16 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | | |
| 17 (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 661,973 | 661,973 |
| 18 (B) CONF. & TRVL. | 0 | 0 |
| 19 (C) PROF. FEES | 0 | 0 |
| 20 (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 40,000 | 40,000 |
| 21 (E) DATA PROC. | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| 22 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u>\$ 2,757,906</u> | <u>\$ 2,806,558</u> |

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24 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATIONS - FISCAL SERVICES. There is hereby
 25 appropriated, to the Department of Education - General Education Division, to
 26 be payable from the Department of Education Fund Account, for personal
 27 services and operating expenses of the Department of Education - General
 28 Education Division - Fiscal Services for the biennial period ending June 30,
 29 ~~1999, the following:~~

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| 31 ITEM | FISCAL YEARS | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 32 NO. | 1997-98 | 1998-99 |
| 33 (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$ 1,423,564 | \$ 1,463,145 |
| 34 (02) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING | 429,251 | 437,186 |
| 35 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | | |

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|---|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 131,803 | 131,803 |
| 2 | (B) CONF. & TRVL. | 10,500 | 10,500 |
| 3 | (C) PROF. FEES | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | (E) DATA PROC. | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| 6 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u>\$ 1,995,118</u> | <u>\$ 2,042,634</u> |

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8 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATIONS - HUMAN RESOURCES. There is hereby

9 appropriated, to the Department of Education - General Education Division, to

10 be payable from the Department of Education Fund Account, for personal

11 services and operating expenses of the Department of Education - General

12 ~~Education Division - Human Resources for the biennial period ending June 30,~~

13 1999, the following:

| 15 | ITEM | FISCAL YEARS | |
|----|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 16 | NO. | 1997-98 | 1998-99 |
| 17 | (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$ 269,202 | \$ 276,740 |
| 18 | (02) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING | 78,047 | 79,556 |
| 19 | (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | | |
| 20 | (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 26,570 | 26,570 |
| 21 | (B) CONF. & TRVL. | 1,996 | 1,996 |
| 22 | (C) PROF. FEES | 0 | 0 |
| 23 | (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 | 0 |
| 24 | (E) DATA PROC. | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| 25 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u>\$ 375,815</u> | <u>\$ 384,862</u> |

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27 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATIONS - SCHOOL SERVICES. There is hereby

28 appropriated, to the Department of Education - General Education Division, to

29 be payable from the Department of Education Fund Account, for personal

30 services and operating expenses of the Department of Education - General

31 ~~Education Division - School Services for the biennial period ending June 30,~~

32 1999, the following:

| 34 | ITEM | FISCAL YEARS | |
|----|------|--------------|---------|
| 35 | NO. | 1997-98 | 1998-99 |

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|----|------|---------------------------|----|------------------|----|------------------|
| 1 | (01) | REGULAR SALARIES | \$ | 2,997,024 | \$ | 3,080,664 |
| 2 | (02) | PERSONAL SERV MATCHING | | 853,676 | | 870,515 |
| 3 | (03) | MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | | | | |
| 4 | (A) | OPER. EXPENSE | | 539,550 | | 539,550 |
| 5 | (B) | CONF. & TRVL. | | 36,353 | | 36,353 |
| 6 | (C) | PROF. FEES | | 58,300 | | 58,300 |
| 7 | (D) | CAP. OUTLAY | | 0 | | 0 |
| 8 | (E) | DATA PROC. | | 0 | | 0 |
| 9 | (04) | CAREER EDUCATION GRANTS | | 40,000 | | 40,000 |
| 10 | (05) | READING RECOVERY | | 100,000 | | 100,000 |
| 11 | (06) | SCIENCE & MATH EQUIPMENT | | 250,000 | | 250,000 |
| 12 | | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | \$ | <u>4,874,903</u> | \$ | <u>4,975,382</u> |

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14 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATIONS - SPECIAL EDUCATION. There is hereby
 15 appropriated, to the Department of Education - General Education Division, to
 16 be payable from the Department of Education Fund Account, for personal
 17 ~~services and operating expenses of the Department of Education - General~~
 18 Education Division - Special Education for the biennial period ending June 30,
 19 1999, the following:

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| 21 | ITEM | FISCAL YEARS | |
|----|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 22 | NO. | 1997-98 | 1998-99 |
| 23 | (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$ 398,792 | \$ 409,959 |
| 24 | (02) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING | 113,050 | 115,288 |
| 25 | (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | | |
| 26 | (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 33,970 | 33,970 |
| 27 | (B) CONF. & TRVL. | 3,143 | 3,143 |
| 28 | (C) PROF. FEES | 0 | 0 |
| 29 | (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 | 0 |
| 30 | (E) DATA PROC. | 0 | 0 |
| 31 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | \$ <u>548,955</u> | \$ <u>562,360</u> |

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33 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATIONS - SCHOOL DISTRICT MANAGEMENT AND STATEWIDE
 34 DATA COLLECTION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education
 35 - General Education Division, to be payable from the Department of Education

1 ~~Fund Account, for operational data system grants of the Department of~~
 2 Education - General Education Division - School District Management and
 3 Statewide Data Collection for the biennial period ending June 30, 1999, the
 4 following:

| 6 ITEM | FISCAL YEARS | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| 7 NO. | 1997-98 | 1998-99 |
| 8 (01) ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL COMPUTER NETWORK, INC.- OPERATIONAL DATA SYSTEM | | |
| 9 GRANTS | <u>\$ 6,000,000</u> | <u>\$ 6,500,000</u> |

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 11 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATIONS - BONDS PROGRAM. There is hereby
 12 ~~appropriated, to the Department of Education - General Education Division, to~~
 13 be payable from the Educational Building Revenue Bond Fund, for operating
 14 expenses of the Department of Education - General Education Division - Bonds
 15 Program for the biennial period ending June 30, 1999, the following:

| 17 ITEM | FISCAL YEARS | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 18 NO. | 1997-98 | 1998-99 |
| 19 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | | |
| 20 (A) OPER. EXPENSE | \$ 200,000 | \$ 200,000 |
| 21 (B) CONF. & TRVL. | 0 | 0 |
| 22 (C) PROF. FEES | 0 | 0 |
| 23 (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 | 0 |
| 24 (E) DATA PROC. | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| 25 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u>\$ 200,000</u> | <u>\$ 200,000</u> |

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 27 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATIONS - REVOLVING LOAN CERTIFICATES PROGRAM. There
 28 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education - General Education
 29 ~~Division, to be payable from the Education Revolving Loan Certificates Fund,~~
 30 for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Education -
 31 General Education Division - Revolving Loan Certificates Program for the
 32 biennial period ending June 30, 1999, the following:

| 34 ITEM | FISCAL YEARS | |
|---------|--------------|---------|
| 35 NO. | 1997-98 | 1998-99 |

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|----|------|-----------------------------|----|-------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1 | (01) | REGULAR SALARIES | \$ | 79,714 | \$ | 81,896 |
| 2 | (02) | PERSONAL SERV MATCHING | | 28,022 | | 28,460 |
| 3 | (03) | MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | | | | |
| 4 | (A) | OPER. EXPENSE | | 27,500 | | 27,500 |
| 5 | (B) | CONF. & TRVL. | | 2,500 | | 2,500 |
| 6 | (C) | PROF. FEES | | 10,000 | | 10,000 |
| 7 | (D) | CAP. OUTLAY | | 0 | | 0 |
| 8 | (E) | DATA PROC. | | 0 | | 0 |
| 9 | (04) | REVOLVING LOAN CERTIFICATES | | <u>10,000,000</u> | | <u>10,000,000</u> |
| 10 | | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | \$ | <u>10,147,736</u> | \$ | <u>10,150,356</u> |

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12 ~~SECTION 12. APPROPRIATIONS - LOANS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS. There is hereby~~
 13 appropriated, to the Department of Education - General Education Division, to
 14 be payable from the Educational Loan Fund, for loans to school districts by
 15 the Department of Education - General Education Division - Loans to School
 16 Districts for the biennial period ending June 30, 1999, the following:

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|----|------|-------|----|------------------|---------------------|
| 18 | ITEM | | | FISCAL YEARS | |
| 19 | NO. | | | 1997-98 | 1998-99 |
| 20 | (01) | LOANS | \$ | <u>2,000,000</u> | \$ <u>2,000,000</u> |

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22 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATIONS - PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL
 23 SELF-INSURANCE PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
 24 Education - General Education Division, to be payable from the Public
 25 ~~Elementary and Secondary School Insurance Fund, for personal services and~~
 26 operating expenses, claims, support of Firemen's Relief and Pension Fund, and
 27 complying with Arkansas Code §6-20-1501 et. seq of the Department of Education
 28 - General Education Division - Public Elementary and Secondary School Self-
 29 Insurance Program for the biennial period ending June 30, 1999, the following:

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|----|------|-------------------------|----|--------------|-----------|
| 31 | ITEM | | | FISCAL YEARS | |
| 32 | NO. | | | 1997-98 | 1998-99 |
| 33 | (01) | REGULAR SALARIES | \$ | 65,507 | \$ 67,275 |
| 34 | (02) | PERSONAL SERV MATCHING | | 19,152 | 19,507 |
| 35 | (03) | MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | | | |

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|---|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 44,000 | 44,000 |
| 2 | (B) CONF. & TRVL. | 500 | 500 |
| 3 | (C) PROF. FEES | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | (E) DATA PROC. | 0 | 0 |
| 6 | (04) CLAIMS | <u>5,000,000</u> | <u>5,000,000</u> |
| 7 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u>\$ 5,129,159</u> | <u>\$ 5,131,282</u> |

SECTION 14. APPROPRIATIONS - SCHOOL MOTOR VEHICLE SELF-INSURANCE

PROGRAM. ~~There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education~~
 General Education Division, to be payable from the School Vehicle Insurance
 Reserve Trust Fund, for personal services, operating expenses and claims of
 the Department of Education - General Education Division - School Motor
 Vehicle Self-Insurance Program for the biennial period ending June 30, 1999,
 the following:

| ITEM | FISCAL YEARS | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| NO. | 1997-98 | 1998-99 |
| (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$ 109,678 | \$ 112,680 |
| (02) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING | 31,016 | 31,618 |
| (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | | |
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 32,000 | 32,000 |
| (B) CONF. & TRVL. | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| (C) PROF. FEES | 0 | 0 |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 | 0 |
| (E) DATA PROC. | 0 | 0 |
| (04) CLAIMS | <u>5,000,000</u> | <u>5,000,000</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u>\$ 5,173,694</u> | <u>\$ 5,177,298</u> |

SECTION 15. APPROPRIATIONS - CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM. There is hereby
 appropriated, to the Department of Education - General Education Division, to
 be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of
 the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of
 Education - General Education Division - Child Nutrition Program for the
 biennial period ending June 30, 1999, the following:

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|----|---|----|--|
| 1 | | | |
| 2 | ITEM | | FISCAL YEARS |
| 3 | NO. | | 1997-98 1998-99 |
| 4 | (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$ | 520,378 \$ 533,730 |
| 5 | (02) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING | | 151,998 154,672 |
| 6 | (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | | |
| 7 | (A) OPER. EXPENSE | | 227,453 227,453 |
| 8 | (B) CONF. & TRVL. | | 10,000 10,000 |
| 9 | (C) PROF. FEES | | 85,000 85,000 |
| 10 | (D) CAP. OUTLAY | | 58,500 60,500 |
| 11 | (E) DATA PROC. | | 0 0 |
| 12 | (04) SCHOOL FOOD SERVICES/NUTRITION EDUCATION | | 75,067,000 75,067,000 |
| 13 | (05) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS | | <u>300,000</u> <u>300,000</u> |
| 14 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | \$ | <u>76,420,329</u> <u>\$ 76,438,355</u> |
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16 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATIONS - FEDERAL TURNBACK FOR SCHOOLS. There is
 17 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education - General Education
 18 Division, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief
 19 Fiscal Officer of the State, for federal turnback to school districts of the
 20 Department of Education - General Education Division - Federal Turnback for
 21 Schools for the biennial period ending June 30, 1999, the following:

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| 22 | | | |
| 23 | ITEM | | FISCAL YEARS |
| 24 | NO. | | 1997-98 1998-99 |
| 25 | (01) FEDERAL TURNBACK | \$ | <u>11,000,000</u> <u>\$ 11,000,000</u> |
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27 SECTION 17. APPROPRIATIONS - FEDERAL GRANTS ADMINISTRATION. There is
 28 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education - General Education
 29 Division, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief
 30 ~~Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of~~
 31 the Department of Education - General Education Division - Federal Grants
 32 Administration for the biennial period ending June 30, 1999, the following:

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| 34 | ITEM | | FISCAL YEARS |
| 35 | NO. | | 1997-98 1998-99 |

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|---|------|---------------------------|----|----------------|----|----------------|
| 1 | (01) | REGULAR SALARIES | \$ | 134,774 | \$ | 138,340 |
| 2 | (02) | PERSONAL SERV MATCHING | | 39,057 | | 39,772 |
| 3 | (03) | MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | | | | |
| 4 | (A) | OPER. EXPENSE | | 34,730 | | 34,730 |
| 5 | (B) | CONF. & TRVL. | | 10,128 | | 10,128 |
| 6 | (C) | PROF. FEES | | 0 | | 0 |
| 7 | (D) | CAP. OUTLAY | | 0 | | 0 |
| 8 | (E) | DATA PROC. | | 0 | | 0 |
| 9 | | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | \$ | <u>218,689</u> | \$ | <u>222,970</u> |

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11 SECTION 18. APPROPRIATIONS - FEDERAL ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION.

12 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education - General
 13 Education Division, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the
 14 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating
 15 expenses of the Department of Education - General Education Division - Federal
 16 Elementary and Secondary Education for the biennial period ending June 30,
 17 1999, the following:

| 19 | ITEM | | FISCAL YEARS | |
|----|------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 20 | NO. | | 1997-98 | 1998-99 |
| 21 | (01) | REGULAR SALARIES | \$ 2,398,368 | \$ 2,463,344 |
| 22 | (02) | EXTRA HELP | 32,000 | 32,000 |
| 23 | (03) | PERSONAL SERV MATCHING | 678,713 | 691,743 |
| 24 | (04) | MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | | |
| 25 | (A) | OPER. EXPENSE | 988,947 | 988,947 |
| 26 | (B) | CONF. & TRVL. | 227,000 | 227,000 |
| 27 | (C) | PROF. FEES | 517,000 | 517,000 |
| 28 | (D) | CAP. OUTLAY | 0 | 0 |
| 29 | (E) | DATA PROC. | 40,000 | 40,000 |
| 30 | (05) | ENTITLEMENT GRANT PROGRAMS | 125,478,000 | 125,478,000 |
| 31 | (06) | REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS | <u>100,000</u> | <u>100,000</u> |
| 32 | | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u>\$ 130,460,028</u> | <u>\$ 130,538,034</u> |

33

34 SECTION 19. EXTRA HELP - FEDERAL ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION.

35 There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Education - General

1 Education Division - Federal Elementary and Secondary Education for the
 2 1997-99 biennium, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary
 3 employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein
 4 for such purposes: four (4) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at
 5 rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and
 6 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate
 7 ~~classification.~~

8
 9 SECTION 20. APPROPRIATIONS - MULTIPLE GRANT AWARD ACCOUNT - CASH. There
 10 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education - General Education
 11 Division, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code §19-4-801
 12 of the Department of Education - General Education Division, for operating
 13 expenses and multiple grant awards of the Department of Education - General
 14 Education Division - Multiple Grant Award Account for the biennial period
 15 ending June 30, 1999, the following:

| 17 ITEM | FISCAL YEARS | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 18 NO. | 1997-98 | 1998-99 |
| 19 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | | |
| 20 (A) OPER. EXPENSE | \$ 90,000 | \$ 90,000 |
| 21 (B) CONF. & TRVL. | 0 | 0 |
| 22 (C) PROF. FEES | 25,000 | 25,000 |
| 23 (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 | 0 |
| 24 (E) DATA PROC. | 0 | 0 |
| 25 (02) MULTIPLE GRANT AWARDS | <u>30,000</u> | <u>30,000</u> |
| 26 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u>\$ 145,000</u> | <u>\$ 145,000</u> |

27
 28 SECTION 21. APPROPRIATIONS - HOME SCHOOL TESTING - CASH. There is
 29 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education - General Education
 30 Division, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code §19-4-801
 31 of the Department of Education - General Education Division, for operating
 32 expenses of the Department of Education - General Education Division - Home
 33 School Testing Program for the biennial period ending June 30, 1999, the
 34 following:

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| 1 ITEM | FISCAL YEARS | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------|
| | 2 NO. | 1997-98 | 1998-99 |
| 3 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | | | |
| 4 (A) OPER. EXPENSE | \$ | 93,300 | \$ 93,300 |
| 5 (B) CONF. & TRVL. | | 0 | 0 |
| 6 (C) PROF. FEES | | 110,000 | 110,000 |
| 7 (D) CAP. OUTLAY | | 0 | 0 |
| 8 (E) DATA PROC. | | 0 | 0 |
| 9 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | \$ | <u>203,300</u> | \$ <u>203,300</u> |

10

11 SECTION 22. APPROPRIATIONS - MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT - CASH. There is
 12 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education - General Education
 13 Division, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code §19-4-801
 14 of the Department of Education - General Education Division, for medicaid
 15 reimbursement of the Department of Education - General Education Division -
 16 Medicaid Reimbursement Program for the biennial period ending June 30, 1999,
 17 the following:

18

| 19 ITEM | FISCAL YEARS | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 20 NO. | 1997-98 | 1998-99 | |
| 21 (01) MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT | \$ | <u>5,000,000</u> | \$ <u>5,000,000</u> |

22

23 SECTION 23. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. The chief Fiscal Officer of the State
 24 shall transfer a sum not to exceed \$6,000,000 for the 1997-98 fiscal year and
 25 \$6,500,000 for the 1998-99 fiscal year from the Public School Fund to the
 26 ~~Department of Education Fund Account to provide support for the appropriation~~
 27 provided for the School District Management and Statewide Data Collection
 28 Program.

29

30 SECTION 24. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. The funds appropriated in Item (06) of
 31 Section 7 of this Act, for the purpose of purchasing equipment or advanced
 32 technology for laboratory instruction and demonstration projects related to
 33 the teaching of science and mathematics shall be used to defray up to fifty
 34 percent (50%) of the total cost of the proposed equipment; provided, however,
 35 that the amount contributed by the Department of Education - General Education

1 Division may not exceed \$5,000 per project.

2

3 SECTION 25. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. The funds appropriated in Item (06) of
4 Section 7 of this Act shall be allocated in accordance with regulations and
5 procedures promulgated by the Department of Education - General Education
6 Division with priority given to those school districts demonstrating the
7 greatest need.

8

9 SECTION 26. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Before the Department of Education
10 obligates any funds for the purchase or lease of a computer for the Arkansas
11 Public School Computer Network (APSCN), the Department shall first seek prior
12 review from the Oversight Subcommittee on Educational Reform of the Joint
13 Interim Committee on Education.

14

15 SECTION 27. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. TRANSFER OF FUNDS. Transfer of funds
16 between various established federal accounts for educational programs financed
17 by either or both State and Federal funds for the purpose of clearing audit
18 exceptions, adjustments in matching requirements, or to provide initial
19 program financing or existing program financing pending availability of funds
20 from the Federal Government, or for the purposes of prorating direct or
21 indirect costs are hereby authorized after obtaining the approval of the Chief
22 Fiscal Officer of the State and after seeking prior review by the Arkansas
23 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

24

25 SECTION 28. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. FEDERAL TURNBACK FUNDS. Any Federal
26 Mineral Leasing Funds, Federal Forest Reserve Funds, Federal Flood Control
27 Funds, or any similar turnback funds in the State Treasury for which the
28 eligible county and/or school district cannot be identified may be transferred
29 to the Public School Fund and used for any lawful school purpose.

30

31 SECTION 29. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. The funds and appropriation authorized
32 from the Public School Fund for Community-Based Pilot Grants, shall be
33 distributed for community based pilot program grants and the coordination of
34 existing state, federal and local programs that are directed toward solving
35 problems of children and their families. The Director of the Department of

1 Human Services, the State Board of Health and its designee, the State Board of
 2 Education and its designee and appropriate local officials shall report,
 3 cooperate, and coordinate their efforts with the Office of Governor designee,
 4 including the reassigning of its employees and the redirection of funds, to
 5 assist the efforts of the community based pilot programs directed toward
 6 solving problems of children and their families and each shall designate one
 7 of their employees located in the grantee's location as being the person
 8 responsible for liaison between their employer and the coordinator.

9

10 SECTION 30. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Within thirty days from the effective
 11 date of this Act, the State Board of Education shall cause the Director of the
 12 Department of Education to designate one employee who shall be responsible for
 13 overseeing the implementation of the Public School Student Services Act. By
 14 January 1, 1994, and each year thereafter, the Department of Education shall
 15 compile and present to the Governor, State Board of Education and the Joint
 16 Interim Committee on Education a report outlining the status of implementing
 17 each of the provisions of the Public School Student Services Act by the
 18 various school districts.

19

20 SECTION 31. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. The Arkansas School for Mathematics and
 21 Sciences may, after receiving approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
 22 State and review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget
 23 Committee, transfer excess appropriation from the Regular Salaries line item
 24 and/or the Operating Expenses line item to Extra Help.

25

26 SECTION 32. APPROPRIATIONS. *There is hereby appropriated, to the*
 27 *Department of Education - General Education Division, to be payable from the*
 28 *Department of Education Fund Account, for grants and aids to the various*
 29 *Education Service Cooperatives and the Cooperative Education Services*
 30 *Coordinating Council, for the biennial period ending June 30, 1999, the*
 31 *following:*

32

| 33 ITEM | | FISCAL YEARS | |
|---------|---|--------------|------------|
| 34 NO. | | 1997-98 | 1998-99 |
| 35 (01) | Arch Ford Education Service Cooperative | \$ 396,368 | \$ 308,618 |

| | | | | |
|----|------|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | (02) | Arkansas River Education Service Cooperative | 396,368 | 308,618 |
| 2 | (03) | Crowley's Ridge Education Service Cooperative | 398,368 | 308,618 |
| 3 | (04) | Dawson Education Service Cooperative | 396,368 | 308,618 |
| 4 | (05) | DeQueen/Mena Education Service Cooperative | 396,368 | 308,618 |
| 5 | (06) | Great Rivers Education Service Cooperative | 396,368 | 308,618 |
| 6 | (07) | North Central Ark. Education Svc. Cooperative | 396,368 | 308,618 |
| 7 | (08) | Northeast Arkansas Education Svc. Cooperaive | 396,368 | 308,618 |
| 8 | (09) | Northwest Arkansas Education Svc. Cooperative | 396,368 | 308,618 |
| 9 | (10) | Ozarks Education Svc. Cooperative | 396,368 | 308,618 |
| 10 | (11) | South Central Ark. Education Svc. Cooperative | 396,368 | 308,618 |
| 11 | (12) | Southeast Ark. Education Svc. Cooperative | 396,368 | 308,618 |
| 12 | (13) | Southwest Ark. Education Svc. Cooperative | 396,368 | 308,618 |
| 13 | (14) | Western Arkansas Education Svc. Cooperative | 396,368 | 308,618 |
| 14 | (15) | Wilbur D. Mills Education Svc. Cooperative | 396,368 | 308,618 |
| 15 | (16) | Department of Education Technology | 95,000 | 7,250 |
| 16 | | | | |
| 17 | (17) | Cooperative education Services Coord. Council | 9,999,368 | 10,957,368 |
| 18 | | (A) Home School Testing | | |
| 19 | | (B) VOCATIONAL CENTER AID | | |
| 20 | | (C) TECHNOLOGY NETWORK SUPPORT | | |
| 21 | | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u>\$16,039,888</u> | <u>\$15,593,888</u> |
| 22 | | | | |

23 SECTION 33. READING RECOVERY TEACHER LEADERS. The Department of
 24 Education through the Cooperative Education Services Coordinating Council
 25 shall allocate up to \$90,000 each fiscal year to provide for a 75% State match
 26 for the training of Reading Recovery Teacher Leaders. To access up to \$30,000
 27 for any one grant for the training of Reading Recovery Teacher Leaders,
 28 Education Service Cooperatives shall submit applications and guarantee a 25%
 29 match of the funds requested from the Department of Education. Further, the
 30 Department of Education through the Cooperative Education Services
 31 Coordinating Council may allocate up to \$30,000 for any one grant to an
 32 Education Service Cooperative without the 25% matching requirement as partial
 33 salary for a Reading Recovery Teacher Leader that has been previously trained.

34
 35 SECTION 34. COOPERATIVE EDUCATION SERVICES COORDINATING COUNCIL. There

1 is hereby created a Council, to be known as the Cooperative Education Services
2 Coordinating Council. The Cooperative Education Services Coordinating Council
3 shall not be considered a state agency, board or commission. Members of the
4 Council shall consist of the Directors of the various Education Service
5 Cooperatives. Members of the Council shall not be entitled to compensation or
6 reimbursement for mileage or other per diem expenses incurred in performance
7 of their duties from monies specifically appropriated by law to the
8 Cooperative Education Services Coordinating Council. The membership of the
9 Council shall elect by a majority vote, a Chairman, Vice-chairman and
10 Secretary/Treasurer and shall adopt by a majority vote of the membership any
11 and all necessary rules and regulations regarding the duties,
12 responsibilities, and operations of the Council.

13 The primary responsibilities of the Council are to act as a coordinating
14 body for the development and implementation of programs and activities for the
15 benefit of the Education Service Cooperatives statewide and as such shall be
16 eligible to receive stipend funds from state and federal governments, school
17 districts and other public or private sources. Council duties and
18 responsibilities may include coordinating the purchase of commonly needed
19 supplies, materials and equipment in order to reduce the cost of such items to
20 the individual cooperatives. In addition, the Council shall assist in the
21 development and implementation of establishing a distance learning classroom
22 in each of the Educational Cooperatives and including the one to be located in
23 Pulaski County.

24

25 SECTION 35. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY. Of
26 the total amount appropriated in Section 32 for Department of Education
27 Technology, the Department shall equitably establish a distance learning
28 program for the Pulaski County School Districts substantially similar to such
29 programs established by education service cooperatives.

30

31 SECTION 36. CARRY FORWARD. Any unexpended balances of appropriation and
32 funds authorized for the various line items in Section 32 of this Act on June
33 30, 1998, shall be carried forward and used for the same purpose during the
34 fiscal year ending June 30, 1999.

35

1 SECTION 37. Of the total amount appropriated each fiscal year of the
 2 1997-99 biennium in Item 17 of Section 32 of this Act, the Cooperative
 3 Education Services Coordinating Council shall make available each fiscal year
 4 \$10,000 to the Buffalo Island School District, \$10,000 to the Riverside School
 5 District and \$35,000 to the Manila School District for the Computer
 6 Enhancement Program.

7
 8 SECTION 38. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer on his
 9 books and those of the State Treasurer the sum of \$16,039,888 during the 1997-
 10 98 fiscal year, and the sum of \$15,593,888 during the 1998-99 fiscal year from
 11 the Public School Fund to the Department of Education Fund Account to provide
 12 funding for the appropriations authorized in Section 32 of this Act.

13
 14 SECTION 39. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer on his
 15 books and those of the State Treasurer the sum of \$100,000 during the 1997-98
 16 fiscal year, and the sum of \$200,000 during the 1998-99 fiscal year from the
 17 Public School Fund to the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Fund,
 18 specifically to provide funding for the Arkansas/STRIVE Program. The total
 19 amount of funds transferred each fiscal year pursuant to this section shall
 20 not be subject to any indirect costs by the University of Arkansas at Little
 21 Rock.

22
 23 SECTION 40. APPROPRIATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the
 24 Department of Education - General Education Division, to be payable from the
 25 Department of Education Fund Account, for operating expenses and grants for
 26 the biennial period ending June 30, 1999, the following:

27

| 28 ITEM | FISCAL YEARS | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| 29 NO. | 1997-98 | 1998-99 |
| 30 (01) ASSESSMENT/END OF LEVEL TESTING | \$ 2,500,000 | \$ 2,500,000 |
| 31 (02) TELECOM. STUDIO/AUDITORIUM-BOARD BROADCAST | 170,000 | 20,000 |
| 32 (03) ARK. LEADERSHIP ACADEMY | <u>600,000</u> | <u>600,000</u> |
| 33 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u>\$ 3,270,000</u> | <u>\$ 3,120,000</u> |

34
 35 SECTION 41. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Due to pending public school finance

1 litigation, before any rules and regulations pursuant to the implementation of
2 Amendment 74 to the Arkansas Constitution are reviewed by the Administrative
3 Rules and Regulations Committee of the Arkansas Legislative Council and
4 adopted by the Department of Education, such proposed rules and regulations
5 shall be reviewed by the Litigation Reports Oversight Committee of the
6 Arkansas Legislative Council.

7
8 SECTION 42. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. VOCATIONAL CENTER AID. Of the total
9 amount appropriated in Item (17) of Section 32 of this Act, \$7,000,000 shall
10 be distributed for Vocational Center Aid during the 1997-98 fiscal year
11 through the Cooperative Education Services Coordinating Council to all
12 existing and any newly established Vocational Centers on an average daily
13 membership (ADM) basis. For the 1998-99 fiscal year, the Cooperative
14 Education Services Coordinating Council shall distribute a total of \$7,800,000
15 for Vocational Center Aid in the same manner as in the 1997-98 fiscal year.

16
17 SECTION 43. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Of the total amount appropriated for
18 Assessment/End-of-Level Testing for each fiscal year of the 1997-99 biennium,
19 up to \$500,000 may be authorized by the Director of Education, General
20 Division, to be used to provide staff development training for educational
21 cooperatives, school districts, and for Department of Education staff on such
22 content areas as test interpretation, goal setting, educational plan
23 development, curriculum development, instructional strategies, classroom
24 management and for evaluation procedures.

25
26 SECTION 44. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Arkansas Code Annotated §19-2-401(2) is
27 hereby amended to read as follows:
28 "(2) Appropriations made to the state-supported institutions of higher
29 education, including universities, community colleges, technical colleges and
30 the branches thereof; and technical institutions and comprehensive lifelong
31 learning centers; and the Department of Education."

32
33 SECTION 45. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Arkansas code Annotated §19-2-402(b) is
34 hereby amended to read as follows:
35 "(b) For those appropriations made to the ~~Department of Education and the~~

1 Department of Human Services, the saving of appropriation shall be five
2 percent (5%) of the aggregate amount appropriated from general or special
3 revenues for the department."
4

5 SECTION 46. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. HOME SCHOOL TESTING. Of the total
6 amount appropriated in Item (17) of Section 32 of this Act, the Cooperative
7 Education Services Coordinating Council shall make available up to \$50,000
8 each fiscal year of the 1997-99 biennium for Home School Testing.
9

10 SECTION 47. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. TECHNOLOGY NETWORK SUPPORT. Of the total
11 amount appropriated in Item (17) of Section 32 of this Act, an amount not to
12 exceed \$2,200,000 each fiscal year shall be distributed through the
13 Cooperative Education Services Coordinating Council, in consultation with the
14 Department of Education, to local school districts for computer based
15 education grants.
16

17 SECTION 48. During the biennium, the Director of the Department of
18 Education - General Education Division, with the approval of the Chief Fiscal
19 Officer and after review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget
20 Committee, is hereby authorized to request appropriation transfers from the
21 Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching line items to the Professional
22 Fees and Services line items authorized for the General Education Division,
23 specifically for the purpose of hiring counsel to represent the Department of
24 Education in legal matters pertaining to school finance.
25

26 SECTION 49. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State
27 shall transfer on his books and those of the State Treasurer the sum of
28 \$2,500,000 each fiscal year of the 1997-99 biennium from the Public School
29 Fund to the Department of Education Fund Account to fund the appropriation
30 authorized in this Act for Assessment/End of Level Testing.
31

32 SECTION 50. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Of the total amount appropriated each
33 fiscal year of the 1997-99 biennium for State Equalization Funding, the
34 Department of Education shall allocate funding and distribute an amount not
35 less than \$1,294,000,000 during the 1997-98 fiscal year and an amount not less

1 than \$1,327,600,000 during the 1998-99 fiscal year for State Equalization
2 Funding.

3

4 SECTION 51. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Notwithstanding any law pertaining to
5 the transfer of year-end fund balances or any law to the contrary, any funds
6 which remain in the Department of Education Fund Account at the end of a
7 fiscal year shall remain in the Department of Education Fund Account and made
8 available to fund appropriation authorized by law and made payable from the
9 Department of Education Fund Account for the following fiscal year.

10

11 SECTION 52. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
12 authorized by this Act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
13 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
14 the restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and
15 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
16 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control
17 laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the
18 Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
19 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

20

21 SECTION 53. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
22 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
23 contained in this Act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which
24 this Act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
25 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
26 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
27 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
28 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

29

30 SECTION 54. CODE. All provisions of this Act of a general and
31 permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the
32 Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

33

34 SECTION 55. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Act or the
35 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such

1 invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Act which
2 can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this
3 end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

4

5 SECTION 56. GENERAL REPEALER. All laws and parts of laws in conflict
6 with this Act are hereby repealed.

7

8 SECTION 57. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the
9 Eighty-First General Assembly, that the provisions of Section 51 herein will
10 provide the monies necessary to adequately fund the operations of the
11 Department of Education each fiscal year of the 1997-99 biennium and must be
12 made available for the 1997-98 fiscal year. Therefore, an emergency is hereby
13 declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation
14 of the public peace, health and safety, Section 51 of this Act shall be in
15 full force and effect from and after its approval by the Governor. If the
16 bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, Section 51 shall become
17 effective on the expiration date of the period of time during which the
18 Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the
19 veto is overridden, Section 51 shall become effective on the date the last
20 house overrides the veto. The remaining sections of this Act shall become
21 effective from and after July 1, 1997.

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/s/JBC