

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

State of Arkansas

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83rd General Assembly

A Bill

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SENATE BILL 213

By: Senator Riggs

By: Representative Cook

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL
COMMITTED TO EDUCATION MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL
COMMITTED TO EDUCATION MOTOR VEHICLE
LICENSE PLATES.

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

SECTION 1. The Director of the Department of Finance and Administration shall provide for and issue special Committed to Education motor vehicle license plates in the manner and subject to the conditions prescribed herein.

SECTION 2. The special motor vehicle license plates shall be designed through a state-wide competition of school age children and coordinated by the Arkansas Department of Education. The competition winning design will be submitted for design approval by the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Education may periodically conduct a contest with the winning design submitted as a newly designed license plate for approval and issue by the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration with not more than one (1) license plate issued per calendar year. Upon approval of the design by the Director, there shall be remitted to the Department of Finance and Administration a fee in the amount of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) to cover the cost of the initial order of each newly

1 designed license plate. Such fee shall be deposited to the State Central
2 Services Fund for the benefit of the Revenue Division and shall be credited as
3 supplemental and in addition to all other funds as may be deposited for the
4 benefit of the Revenue Division. Such fee shall not be considered or credited
5 to the Revenue Division as "direct revenues".

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7 SECTION 3. Upon payment of the fee required by law for the registration
8 of the vehicle, payment of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to cover the design
9 use contribution, and payment of an additional ten dollars (\$10.00) handling
10 and administrative fee for the issuance of the special Committed to Education
11 plate, the Department of Finance and Administration shall issue to the vehicle
12 owner a Committed to Education license plate which shall bear the approved
13 design. The handling and administrative fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) shall be
14 deposited to the State Central Services Fund for the benefit of the Revenue
15 Division and shall not be considered or credited to the Revenue Division as
16 "direct revenues". The design use contribution of twenty-five dollars
17 (\$25.00) shall be deposited in the Committed to Education Fund to be used by
18 the Arkansas Committed to Education Foundation for the purpose of establishing
19 a program for elementary age children to recognize and reward academic and
20 character achievement through technology-based incentives.

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22 SECTION 4. Special Committed to Education license plates issued under
23 this act may be renewed annually in accordance with the procedures set out in
24 Section 3 of this act and pursuant to Arkansas Code §§ 27-14-1012 and 27-14-
25 1013. Registration may continue from year to year as long as it is renewed
26 each year within the time and manner required by law. A motor vehicle owner
27 who was previously issued a plate with the Committed to Education design
28 authorized by this act and who does not pay a design use contribution of
29 twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to the subsequent time of registration shall be
30 issued a new plate which does not bear the Committed to Education design.
31 Upon expiration, or if the special Committed to Education license plate is
32 lost, it may be replaced with a regular license plate at the fee specified in
33 § 27-14-602(b)(6). If the special Committed to Education license plate is
34 replaced with a new Committed to Education license plate, the owner shall be
35 required to pay the additional administrative cost of issuance as set forth in
36 Section 3 of this act.

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2 SECTION 5. Special Committed to Education license plates issued under
3 this act may be transferred from one vehicle to another pursuant to Arkansas
4 Code § 27-14-914.

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6 SECTION 6. The Special Committed to Education license plates shall
7 comply with all other state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and
8 licensing of motor vehicles except as herein specifically provided.

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10 SECTION 7. The Director of the Department of Finance and Administration
11 shall promulgate such reasonable rules and regulations and prescribe such
12 forms as he determines to be necessary for effectively and efficiently
13 carrying out the intent and purposes of this act.

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15 SECTION 8. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
16 Assembly of the State of Arkansas that in order for technology incentives to
17 be more readily available to Arkansas students meeting Committed to Education
18 Foundation program criteria, the immediate passage of this act is required.
19 The proceeds resulting from sales of Committed to Education license plates is
20 critical to ensuring the timely reward and recognition of these outstanding
21 elementary students and immediate passage of this act allows the program to be
22 implemented and administered without delay. Therefore, an emergency is
23 declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the
24 preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall become effective on
25 the date of its approval by the Governor. If the bill is neither approved nor
26 vetoed by the Governor, it shall become effective on the expiration of the
27 period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is
28 vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall become effective
29 on the date the last house overrides the veto.

30 /s/ Riggs
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