

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.

1 State of Arkansas
2 84th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2003

A Bill

SENATE BILL 3

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5 By: Senator Hendren
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT
10 OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE
11 \$3,000 TEACHER RAISES THAT WERE NOT FULLY FUNDED
12 BY THE STATE DURING THE 2001-03 BIENNIUM DUE TO
13 EXTRAORDINARY SHORTFALLS IN STATE REVENUE
14 COLLECTIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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17 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
18 - TEACHER RAISES APPROPRIATION FOR THE
19 2003-2005 BIENNIUM.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - TEACHER RAISES. There is hereby appropriated,
26 to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Department of
27 Education Public School Fund Account, for restoring the remainder of the
28 \$3,000 salary increase for teachers that was not fully funded during the
29 2001-03 biennium, the sum of \$80,000,000 each fiscal year of the biennial
30 period ending June 30, 2005.
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32 SECTION 2. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized
33 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds
34 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the
35 restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and
36 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary

1 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
 2 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
 3 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
 4 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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 6 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
 7 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
 8 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
 9 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
 10 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
 11 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
 12 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or
 13 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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 15 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
 16 Assembly that due to extraordinary shortfalls in state revenue collections
 17 during the 2001-03 biennium the additional \$3,000 salary increase expected by
 18 Arkansas teachers was not fully funded, and that in order to continue to
 19 attract and maintain quality teachers in Arkansas the state must provide an
 20 adequate and competitive salary, and that due to the current shortage of
 21 teachers in Arkansas and the decreasing numbers of college students entering
 22 the teaching profession it becomes increasingly important for the state to
 23 fulfill its past commitment to Arkansas teachers during the 2003-05 biennium,
 24 and for the state not to fulfill its commitment to teachers could jeopardize
 25 the quality of education provided to Arkansas's children and discourage
 26 future students from entering the teaching profession, and that the
 27 Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds
 28 for more than a two (2) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on
 29 July 1, 2003 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the
 30 appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an
 31 extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective date of this Act
 32 beyond July 1, 2003 could work irreparable harm upon the proper
 33 administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore,
 34 an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the
 35 immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in
 36 full force and effect from and after July 1, 2003.