

State of Arkansas

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84th General Assembly

# A Bill

Second Extraordinary Session, 2003

HOUSE BILL 1031

By: Representative Cleveland

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL  
SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR REGIONAL  
ALTERNATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS FOR THE  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -  
REGIONAL ALTERNATIVE LEARNING  
ENVIRONMENTS APPROPRIATION.

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

### SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - REGIONAL ALTERNATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable  
from the Department of Education Public School Fund Account, for personal  
services and operating expenses for Regional Alternative Learning  
Environments, for the remainder of the biennial period ending June 30, 2005,  
*the sum of .....\$5,000,000*

### SECTION 2. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized

by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds  
made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the  
restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and  
Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by



1 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
2 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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13 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
14 Assembly, that the effectiveness of this Act on the date of its passage and  
15 approval is essential due to the recent Arkansas Supreme Court ruling that  
16 the State has not fulfilled its constitutional duty to provide the children  
17 of this State with a general, suitable, and efficient school funding system;  
18 and the Arkansas Supreme Court has ruled that the k-12 public school system  
19 in Arkansas is neither equitable nor adequate, that Regional Alternative  
20 Learning Environments for which the appropriations in this Act are provided,  
21 will enable students to achieve educational or behavioral goals that have not  
22 been met by a school district. Therefore the effectiveness of this Act on  
23 the date of its passage and approval is essential, the delay in the effective  
24 date of this Act beyond the date of its passage and approval could work  
25 irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential  
26 governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist  
27 and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
28 peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after the  
29 date of its passage and approval. If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed  
30 by the Governor, it shall become effective on the expiration of the period of  
31 time during which the Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by  
32 the Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the  
33 date the last house overrides the veto.

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35 /s/ Cleveland  
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