

1 State of Arkansas  
2 84th General Assembly  
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*As Engrossed: H2/5/04*  
**A Bill**

Call Item 3

HOUSE BILL 1073

5 By: Representative Cleveland  
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**For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR A PILOT  
10 PROGRAM TO STUDY THE EFFECT OF REDUCING TEACHER-  
11 STUDENT RATIOS IN GRADES KINDERGARTEN THROUGH  
12 THREE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE  
13 REMAINDER OF THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30,  
14 2005; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Subtitle**

16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
17 APPROPRIATION FOR A PILOT PROGRAM TO  
18 STUDY REDUCING K-3 TEACHER-STUDENT  
19 RATIOS.  
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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26 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - TEACHER-STUDENT RATIO PILOT STUDY. There is  
27 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the  
28 Department of Education Public School Fund Account, for grants and aid in the  
29 amount of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) each to *sixteen (16)* elementary  
30 schools and grants and aid in the amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)  
31 each to four (4) Arkansas Universities for costs associated with the Pilot  
32 Program to Study the Effect of Reducing Teacher-Student Ratios in grades  
33 kindergarten through three, for the remainder of the biennial period ending  
34 June 30, 2005 the sum of . . . . . \$1,160,000.  
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36 SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor



1 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
2 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
3 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
4 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
5 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or  
6 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State  
7 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
8 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
9 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
10 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
11 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

12 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing  
13 Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue  
14 Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this State  
15 and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration,  
16 as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of any  
17 funds provided by this act unless specifically provided otherwise by law.

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19 SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized  
20 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds  
21 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the  
22 restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and  
23 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
24 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
25 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
26 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
27 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

