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.

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HOUSE BILL 2559

By: Representative M. Martin

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ALLOW CLASSROOM TEACHERS AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR CLASSROOM SUPPLIES THEY PURCHASE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

AN ACT TO ALLOW CLASSROOM TEACHERS AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR CLASSROOM SUPPLIES THEY PURCHASE.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 26, Chapter 5l, Subchapter 5 is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

26-51-512. Tax credit for classroom supplies.
(a) For purposes of this section:
(1) "Classroom supplies" means books, instructional material, supplies, and other material purchased solely to be used for an educational purpose in a classroom of a public or private elementary or secondary school; and
(2) "Classroom teacher" means an individual who is engaged directly in instruction, either full-time or part-time, with students in a classroom setting for more than seventy percent (70\%) of the individual's contracted time or normal workday at a public or a private elementary or secondary school in Arkansas.
(b) A credit of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per taxpayer for any tax year is allowed against the taxes imposed by the Arkansas Income Tax Act, § 26-51-101 et seq., for the cost of classroom supplies that are purchased by

## a classroom teacher.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective for tax years beginning on and after January 1, 2005.

