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A Bill

SENATE BILL 298

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE COMPENSATION TO EMPLOYEES OF
STATE AGENCIES AND STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS
OF HIGHER EDUCATION WHO WERE CALLED TO ACTIVE
DUTY AS MEMBERS OF ANY BRANCH OF THE ARMED FORCES
FOR THE PURPOSE OF PARTICIPATING IN OPERATION
ENDURING FREEDOM OR OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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STATE AGENCIES AND STATE-SUPPORTED
INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION WHO
WERE CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY IN OPERATION
ENDURING FREEDOM OR OPERATION IRAQI
FREEDOM.

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

SECTION 1. (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Uniform Attendance and Leave Policy Act, § 21-4-201 et seq., during the period that an employee of a state agency or institution of higher education is called to active duty after October 6, 2001, as a member of the National Guard or any of the reserve components of the armed forces for participation in Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom, the employee shall be eligible for continued proportionate salary payments which, when combined with the employee's active duty pay, equal the amount that the employee would have otherwise received but for the employee's required active duty under



1 Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom.

2 (b) For purposes of this section, "state agency" includes the Arkansas
3 Highway and Transportation Department, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission,
4 and the State Highway Commission.

5 (c) The Department of Finance and Administration shall establish
6 appropriate procedures for the administration of this section.

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8 SECTION 2. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, during the period that
9 an employee of a public school district is called to active duty after
10 October 6, 2001, as a member of the National Guard or any of the reserve
11 components of the armed forces for participation in Operation Enduring
12 Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom, the employee shall be eligible for
13 continued proportionate salary payments which, when combined with the
14 employee's active duty pay, equal the amount that the employee would have
15 otherwise received but for the employee's required active duty under
16 Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom.

17 (b) The Department of Education shall establish appropriate procedures
18 for the administration of this section.