

1 State of Arkansas  
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Call Item 13

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1043

5 By: Representative Dangeau  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ALLOW A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO USE NATIONAL  
10 SCHOOL LUNCH STUDENT FUNDING FOR TEACHERS'  
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12 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(b)(4)(C)(i), concerning public  
24 school funding, is amended to read as follows:

25 (C)(i) The State Board of Education shall establish by  
26 rule a list of approved programs and purposes for which funds allocated under  
27 this subdivision (b)(4) may be expended, including, but not limited to, using  
28 the funds to pay a classroom teacher's salaries. School districts shall  
29 expend funds allocated under this subdivision (b)(4) only on the approved  
30 programs or purposes, which include, but are not limited to:

31 (a) Classroom teachers, ~~provided that the~~  
32 ~~school district meets the minimum salary schedule in § 6-17-2403 without~~  
33 ~~using funds provided under subdivision (b)(4) of this section and that those~~  
34 ~~teachers are used for the purposes delineated in subdivision (b)(4) of this~~  
35 ~~section~~ including, but not limited, to salaries for classroom teachers or  
36 across the board salary increases for classroom teachers, or both;



- (b) Before-school academic programs and after-school academic programs, including transportation to and from the programs;
- (c) Prekindergarten programs coordinated by the Department of Health and Human Services;
- (d) Tutors, teachers' aides, counselors, social workers, nurses, and curriculum specialists;
- (e) Parent education;
- (f) Summer programs;
- (g) Early intervention programs; and
- (h) Materials, supplies, and equipment, including technology used in approved programs or for approved purposes.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the Arkansas Supreme Court found that the public school funding system continues to be inadequate and the public schools are operating under a constitutional infirmity which must be corrected immediately; that to correct the constitutional infirmity and to provide adequate funding for public education, the amount of funding provided to school districts shall be revised; and that this act is necessary to allow the Department of Education and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State sufficient time to make all necessary adjustments, calculations, and distributions. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

- (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;
- (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or
- (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.