

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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A Bill

SENATE BILL 778

5 By: Senators Broadway, Argue
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE
10 EDUCATION CODE IN ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 6; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

13 AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF
14 THE EDUCATION CODE IN ARKANSAS CODE
15 TITLE 6.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-2203(c), concerning the minimum salary*
22 *for classified school employees, is amended to read as follows:*

23 *(c)(1)(A) Beginning ~~July 1, 2003~~ with the 2007-2008 school year, and*
24 *each school year thereafter, each public school district shall increase the*
25 *minimum hourly rate of compensation provided in this subchapter ~~shall be~~*
26 *~~increased~~ by a percentage equal to the percentage increase of the consumer*
27 *price index at least equal to the percentage increase in the state minimum*
28 *teacher salary compensation schedule as set forth in § 6-17-2403(b) and (c).*

29 *(B) The classified employees of a public school district*
30 *may elect by a simple majority vote to apply some or all of the salary*
31 *increase to improve the public school district's health insurance*
32 *contributions.*

33 *(2) A public school district is exempt from the provisions of*
34 *subdivision (c)(1) of this section if:*

35 *(A) The increase, if any, over the immediately preceding*
36 *school year in the foundation funding received by the public school district*



1 under § 6-20-2305(a)(2) and its local maintenance and operation property tax
2 revenue is not sufficient to meet the salary increase;

3 (B) It has to increase its salary schedule to meet the new
4 minimum salary requirements for teachers and classified employees; or

5 (C) It has an average teacher salary greater than one
6 hundred ten percent (110%) of the state average teacher salary as most
7 recently defined and published for that year by the Department of Education.

8 (3) The department may develop rules necessary for the proper
9 implementation of this subsection (c).

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11 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-17-2403, concerning the minimum teacher
12 salary compensation schedule, is amended to add an additional subsection to
13 read as follows:

14 (g)(1)(A) Beginning with the 2007-2008 school year and each school
15 year thereafter, a public school district shall increase its salary schedule
16 for teachers by a percentage at least equal to the percentage increase in the
17 minimum teacher compensation salary schedule provided in this section.

18 (B) The teachers employed by a public school district may
19 elect by a simple majority vote to apply some or all of the salary increase
20 to improve the public school district's health insurance contributions.

21 (2) A public school district is exempt from the provisions of
22 subdivision (g)(1) of this section if:

23 (A) The increase, if any, over the immediately preceding
24 school year in the foundation funding received by the public school district
25 under § 6-20-2305(a)(2) and its local maintenance and operation property tax
26 revenue is not sufficient to meet the salary increase;

27 (B) It has to increase its salary schedule to meet the new
28 minimum salary requirements for teachers; or

29 (C) It has an average teacher salary greater than one
30 hundred and ten percent (110%) of the state average teacher salary as most
31 recently defined and published for that year by the department.

32 (3) The department may develop rules to implement this
33 subsection (g).

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35 /s/ Broadway
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