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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1006

By: Representative Abernathy

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A CONSISTENT RATE OF
INCREASE TO THE SALARIES OF CLASSIFIED SCHOOL
PERSONNEL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO PROVIDE FOR A CONSISTENT RATE OF
INCREASE TO THE SALARIES OF CLASSIFIED
SCHOOL PERSONNEL.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-2203 is amended to read as follows:
6-17-2203. Minimum salary.

(a) A full-time classified employee shall not receive an hourly rate of compensation less than six dollars and twenty-five cents (\$6.25) per hour.

(b) ~~No~~ A classified employee's hourly rate of compensation shall not be reduced as a result of this subchapter.

(c)(1) Beginning July 1, ~~2003~~ 2009, and each year thereafter, the minimum hourly rate of compensation provided in this subchapter shall be increased by ~~a the same percentage equal to the percentage increase of the consumer price index as the percentage by which the General Assembly increases the teacher salary component of per-student foundation funding for the current school year over the immediately preceding school year.~~

(2) As used in this subsection (c), "teacher salary component" means the per-student teacher salary figure identified by the House Education Committee and the Senate Education Committee in the study conducted under the Continuing Adequacy Evaluation Act of 2004, § 10-3-2101 et seq., for the



1 current biennium that may be calculated using:

2 (A) A statewide average teacher salary in Arkansas, which
3 may be adjusted for inflation; plus

4 (B) The employment benefits tied to a percentage of
5 salary, including teacher retirement, social security, Medicare,
6 unemployment, and workers' compensation; plus

7 (C) Health insurance costs under § 6-17-1117(a).

8 (d) The Department of Education shall publish annually the new minimum
9 hourly rate of compensation.