

Exhibit 28

REPORT
OF THE
JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RETIREMENT AND
SOCIAL SECURITY PROGRAMS

TO THE
SENATE AND HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION

December 12, 2006

Senator Jim Argue, Chair
Senate Interim Committee on Education

Representative Joyce Elliott, Chair
House Interim Committee on Education

Dear Chairpersons:

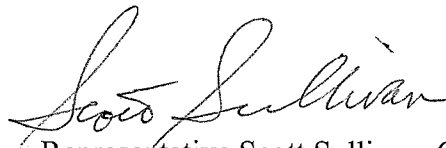
At the November 9, 2006, joint meeting of the Senate and House Interim Committees on Education and the Joint Interim Committee on Public Retirement and Social Security Programs, the issues of future increases to the employer contribution rate and certain authority of the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System Board of Trustees was referred to the Joint Interim Committee on Public Retirement and Social Security Programs for review.

On November 27, 2006, the Joint Interim Committee on Public Retirement and Social Security Programs discussed the authority of the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System Board of Trustees to raise and lower the employer contribution rate and to reduce benefits. The Committee voted to issue a report to the Arkansas General Assembly recommending the legislature pursue a policy approach geared toward making the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System financially sound.

Respectfully submitted,



Senator Jimmy Jeffress, Co-Chair
Joint Interim Committee on Public Retirement and Social Security Programs



Representative Scott Sullivan, Co-Chair

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