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HOUSE BILL 2035

By: Representatives Teague, Townsend and Walker

"AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 34 OF THE FIRST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF 1983 TO PROVIDE FOR TEACHER SALARY EQUALIZATION AID IN CASES OF CONSOLIDATION, ANNEXATION OR MERGER OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Section 5 of Act 34 of the First Extraordinary Session of 1983, the same being Arkansas Statute 80-850.14, is hereby amended by adding an additional paragraph at the end thereof to read as follows:

"(f) If one or more school districts in the State should consolidate with or be annexed to or merge with another district, by voluntary or involuntary actions, such districts shall be eligible for continued employment and salary equalization aid for a period of two fiscal years immediately succeeding the effective date of consolidation, annexation or merger as provided in Section 6 of this Act. Such school districts shall apply in writing to the State Department of Education for such assistance by May 1 of the school year preceding the effective date of the consolidation, annexation or merger."

SECTION 2. Section 6 of Act 34 of the First Extraordinary Session of 1983, the same being Arkansas Statute 80-850.15, is hereby amended by adding an additional paragraph at the end thereof to read as follows:

"(f) The Department of Education shall, beginning in 1987-88, annually set aside, from the total funds available for the distribution under the provisions of the Act, an amount of money not to exceed \$3.5 million for continued employment and salary equalization of certified personnel of a school district in instances of consolidation, annexation or merger. Such revenue shall be deemed restricted revenue. In the event of consolidation, annexation or merger, it is the intent of this Act to provide continued employment and

salary equalization aid for the purposes of avoiding a reduction in force of certified personnel and to provide State restricted set-aside monies to allow the newly created or annexing district to pay as salary to its certified personnel the higher salary level of the district(s) consolidated, annexed or merged."

SECTION 3. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

