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1 State of Arkansas  
2 84th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2003

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1534

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5 By: Joint Budget Committee  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR GRANTS AND  
10 AIDS TO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND SPECIAL  
11 PROGRAMS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE  
12 BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2005; AND FOR  
13 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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17 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -  
18 GRANTS & AIDS TO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS  
19 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2003-2005  
20 BIENNIUM.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department  
26 of Education, to be payable from the Department of Education Public School  
27 Fund Account, for grants and aids to local school districts and special  
28 programs of the Department of Education for the biennial period ending June  
29 30, 2005, the following:  
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ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
	2003-2004	2004-2005
NO.		
(01) SMART START/SMART STEP PROMOTIONAL	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
(02) TECHNOLOGY GRANTS	1,187,575	1,187,575
(03) GRANTS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS	47,000	47,000
(04) INTERVENTION BLOCK GRANTS	127,000	127,000



1	(05)	BETTER CHANCE GRANTS	13,410,500	13,410,500
2	(06)	SMART START/SMART STEP	6,461,815	6,461,815
3	(07)	LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY	4,639,000	4,639,000
4	(08)	AT RISK	690,500	690,500
5	(09)	SPECIAL EDUCATION - CATASTROPHIC	1,000,000	1,000,000
6	(10)	YOUTH SHELTERS	165,000	165,000
7	(11)	TECHNICAL IMPROVEMENTS	1,000,000	1,000,000
8	(12)	DISTRESSED SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPPORT	1	1
9	(13)	POVERTY INDEX	4,698,230	4,698,230
10	(14)	HOME SCHOOL TESTING	50,000	50,000
11	(15)	REVENUE LOSS FUNDING	4,000,000	4,000,000
12	(16)	GENERAL FACILITIES FUNDING	9,620,000	9,620,000
13	(17)	ISOLATED FUNDING	8,100,000	8,100,000
14	(18)	STUDENT GROWTH	21,300,000	21,300,000
15	(19)	ADDITIONAL BASE FUNDING	48,557,770	48,557,770
16	(20)	DEBT SERVICE FUNDING SUPPLEMENT	28,580,000	28,580,000
17	(21)	DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION	3,660,520	3,660,520
18	(22)	RESIDENTIAL CENTERS/JUVENILE DETENTION	8,767,108	8,767,108
19	(23)	CONSOLIDATION INCENTIVE	1	1
20	(24)	INCENTIVE FUNDING	28,373,000	28,373,000
21	(25)	STATE EQUALIZATION FUNDING	1,502,600,000	1,502,600,000
22	(26)	COOPERATIVE ED TECH CENTERS OPERATIONS	750,000	750,000
23	(27)	TEACHER RETIREMENT MATCHING	3,200,000	3,200,000
24	(28)	NATIONAL BOARD OF PROF TEACHING		
25		STANDARDS	500,000	500,000
26	(29)	ADVANCED PLACEMENT INCENTIVE	367,500	367,500
27	(30)	SAFETY TRAINING	750,000	750,000
28	(31)	CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS	200,000	200,000
29	(32)	ARKANSAS EASTER SEALS	193,113	193,113
30	(33)	PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES INSURANCE	1,000,000	1,000,000
31	(34)	SCHOOL FOOD SERVICES	1,650,000	1,650,000
32	(35)	SURPLUS COMMODITIES	630,000	630,000
33	(36)	WORKERS COMPENSATION	450,000	450,000
34	(37)	SCHOOL FOOD - LEGISLATIVE AUDIT	100,000	100,000
35	(38)	GIFTED & TALENTED	1,292,896	1,292,896
36	(39)	SCHOOL WORKER DEFENSE	390,000	390,000

1	(40)	ASSESSMENT/END OF LEVEL TESTING	4,306,867	4,306,867
2	(41)	SERIOUS OFFENDER PROGRAM	807,000	807,000
3	(42)	SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES	4,220,285	4,220,285
4	(43)	HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CENTERS ED AID	663,000	663,000
5	(44)	EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVES	4,929,270	4,929,270
6	(45)	EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION	6,298,454	6,298,454
7	(46)	DISTANCE LEARNING	500,000	500,000
8	(47)	TEACHER LICENSURE/MENTORING	<u>3,239,000</u>	<u>3,239,000</u>
9		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,733,497,405</u>	<u>\$1,733,497,405</u>

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11 SECTION 2. REGULAR SALARIES - APSCN. There is hereby established for the  
 12 Department of Education - Arkansas Public School Computer Network for the  
 13 2003-2005 biennium, the following maximum number of regular employees whose  
 14 salaries shall be governed by the provisions of the Uniform Classification  
 15 and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor,  
 16 and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however, that any position to  
 17 which a specific maximum annual salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be  
 18 exempt from the provisions of said Uniform Classification and Compensation  
 19 Act. All persons occupying positions authorized herein are hereby governed  
 20 by the provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act  
 21 (Arkansas Code §21-5-101), or its successor.

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23			Maximum Annual		
24			Maximum	Salary Rate	
25	Item	Class	No. of	Fiscal Years	
26	No.	Code Title	Employees	2003-2004	2004-2005
27	(1)	027Z ED ASSOC DIRECTOR APSCN	1	GRADE 26	
28	(2)	827Z DP CENTER MANAGER	1	GRADE 26	
29	(3)	903Z TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MANAGER	2	GRADE 24	
30	(4)	D064 SR SYSTEMS PROGRAMMER	1	GRADE 24	
31	(5)	028Z ED APSCN COOR/INTERNAL OPS	1	GRADE 23	
32	(6)	D124 LEAD PROGRAMMER/ANALYST	2	GRADE 22	
33	(7)	D123 APPLICATIONS & SYSTEMS ANALYST	1	GRADE 21	
34	(8)	R290 PUBLIC SCHOOL PROGRAM ADVISOR	20	GRADE 21	
35	(9)	E114 STAFF DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	4	GRADE 20	
36	(10)	R266 MANAGEMENT PROJECT ANALYST II	2	GRADE 20	

1	(11)	A110	ACCOUNTANT II	1	GRADE 19
2	(12)	E072	TRAINING INSTRUCTOR	4	GRADE 18
3	(13)	R264	MANAGEMENT PROJECT ANALYST I	1	GRADE 18
4	(14)	R010	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	1	GRADE 17
5	(15)	K155	SECRETARY I	<u>1</u>	GRADE 11
6			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	43	

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 8 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - APSCN. There is hereby appropriated, to the  
 9 Department of Education, to be payable from the Department of Education  
 10 Public School Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of  
 11 the Department of Education - Arkansas Public School Computer Network for the  
 12 biennial period ending June 30, 2005, the following:

14	ITEM		FISCAL YEARS	
15	<u>NO.</u>		<u>2003-2004</u>	<u>2004-2005</u>
16	(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 1,678,275	\$ 1,678,275
17	(02)	PERSONAL SERV MATCH	457,256	457,256
18	(03)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
19	(A)	OPER. EXPENSE	1,277,495	1,277,495
20	(B)	CONF. & TRAVEL	5,250	5,250
21	(C)	PROF. FEES	0	0
22	(D)	CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
23	(E)	DATA PROC.	<u>4,701,424</u>	<u>4,701,424</u>
24		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 8,119,700</u>	<u>\$ 8,119,700</u>

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 26 SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 27 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. MATH &  
 28 SCIENCE SCHOOL FUND TRANSFER. Any funds which remain in the Department of  
 29 Education Public School Fund Account or the Public School Fund for the  
 30 Department of Education - Arkansas School for Mathematics and Sciences at the  
 31 end of a fiscal year shall be transferred by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the  
 32 State to the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts,  
 33 there to be used exclusively to provide additional funding for appropriations  
 34 for the Department of Education - Arkansas School for Mathematics and  
 35 Sciences which are made payable from the General Improvement Fund or its  
 36 successor fund or fund accounts.

1 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2003  
 2 through June 30, 2005.

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 4 SECTION 5. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 5 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. GRANTS TO  
 6 SCHOOL DISTRICTS. For the purposes of distributing the Grants To School  
 7 Districts appropriation in Section 1 of this Act, "school district" means a  
 8 school district which contracts with a school district in an adjoining state  
 9 for the education of some of the pupils within the Arkansas school district  
 10 because the portion of the school district wherein such pupils live is  
 11 completely separated from the remainder of the school district by a reservoir  
 12 covering at least 12,000 acres at normal water level, and where to attend  
 13 school in their own district, the pupils of said portion would be required to  
 14 travel or to be transported a distance (measured by the nearest highway or  
 15 road route) of more than 35 miles round trip and pass through another school  
 16 district or districts. The Department of Education shall distribute the  
 17 monies appropriated for Grants to School Districts in Section 1 of this Act  
 18 to such school districts as reimbursement for expenses incurred in educating  
 19 the pupils residing in the separated portion of the school district. Such  
 20 school districts shall file a request for reimbursement with the Department  
 21 of Education and provide the Department of Education with such documentation  
 22 as is deemed necessary.

23 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~  
 24 July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

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 26 SECTION 6. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 27 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SPECIAL  
 28 EDUCATION SERVICES. The funds appropriated in the line item "Special  
 29 Education Services" in Section 1 of this Act shall be used to provide  
 30 extended year summer programs for handicapped students in need of such  
 31 services, to provide special education services to foster children who are  
 32 wards of the State, and to provide funds for the payment of salaries of  
 33 special education supervisors. The Department of Education shall distribute  
 34 such funds in the manner necessary to carry out the intent of this Section.

35 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~  
 36 July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

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SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. RETIREMENT MATCHING. Beginning with the 1996-97 school year, Local School Districts shall pay the teacher retirement employer contribution rate for any eligible employee in accordance with rules and regulations established by the Teacher Retirement Board of Directors. The appropriation contained herein for Teacher Retirement Matching each fiscal year shall be used to provide the employer matching for employees of the Cooperative Education Services Areas, Vocational Centers, ~~Model Vocational—Technical Education Resource Center,~~ Arkansas Easter Seals and the school operated by the Department of Correction.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~ July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. HEALTH INSURANCE. Beginning with the 1996-97 school year, Local School Districts shall pay no less than the health insurance contribution rate established by ~~the State Board of Education~~ Arkansas Code 6-17-1117 for each eligible employee electing to participate in the Public School Employee Health Insurance Program. The appropriation contained herein for Public School Employee Insurance each fiscal year shall be used to provide the state contribution for insurance premiums for employees of the Cooperative Education Services Areas, Vocational Centers, ~~Model Vocational—Technical Education Resource Center~~ and the school operated by the Department of Correction who participate in the Arkansas Public School Life and Health Insurance Program.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~ July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. PULASKI COUNTY DESEGREGATION. (A) For the fiscal year ending ~~June 30, 2002~~ June 30, 2004, the Department of Education shall from time to time as needed, certify to the State Treasurer and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the amount

1 of funds disbursed for desegregation expenses under the "Pulaski County  
 2 School Desegregation Settlement Agreement." Upon the receipt of such  
 3 certification, the State Treasurer, after making those deductions as set out  
 4 in Arkansas Code 19-5-202(b)(2)(B), shall also deduct up to, but not to  
 5 exceed in total for fiscal year ~~2001-2002~~ 2003-04 the sum of \$32,800,000 from  
 6 the net general revenues and transfer this amount to the Department of  
 7 Education Public School Fund Account.

8 (B) For the fiscal year ending ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005, the Department of  
 9 Education shall from time to time as needed, certify to the State Treasurer  
 10 and the Chief Fiscal Office of the State, the amount of funds disbursed for  
 11 desegregation expenses under the "Pulaski County School Desegregation  
 12 Settlement Agreement." Upon the receipt of such certification, the State  
 13 Treasurer, after making those deductions as set out in Arkansas Code 19-5-  
 14 202(b)(2)(B), shall also deduct up to, but not to exceed in total for fiscal  
 15 year ~~2002-2003~~ 2004-05 the sum of \$32,800,000 from the net general revenues  
 16 and transfer this amount to the Department of Education Public School Fund  
 17 Account.

18 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~  
 19 July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

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 21 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 22 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
 23 CONSOLIDATION INCENTIVE. The appropriation contained herein for Consolidation  
 24 Incentive shall be allocated in accordance with rules and regulations  
 25 established by the State Board of Education.

26 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~  
 27 July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

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 29 SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 30 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
 31 RESIDENTIAL CENTERS/JUVENILE DETENTION. The funds appropriated herein for  
 32 Residential Centers/Juvenile Detention shall be allocated in accordance with  
 33 rules and regulations established by the State Board of Education.

34 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~  
 35 July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

1 SECTION 12. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 2 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER  
 3 AUTHORITY. The Director of the Department of Education, with the approval of  
 4 the Chief Fiscal Officer and after approval by the Arkansas Legislative  
 5 Council or Joint Budget Committee, is hereby authorized to request necessary  
 6 appropriation transfers and any other budget related adjustments necessary.  
 7 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of  
 8 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year  
 9 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by  
 10 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and  
 11 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by  
 12 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly  
 13 has determined that the Department of Education may operate more efficiently  
 14 if some flexibility is provided to the Director of the Department of  
 15 Education authorizing broad powers under the Transfer Authority provision  
 16 herein. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General  
 17 Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative  
 18 Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The  
 19 requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee  
 20 is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by  
 21 the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional  
 22 by a court jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

23 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~  
 24 July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

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 26 SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 27 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. WORKERS'  
 28 COMPENSATION PURCHASE. The appropriation and funds authorized herein for  
 29 Purchase of Workers' Compensation Coverage by School Districts and Education  
 30 Service Cooperatives shall be distributed proportionally by the Department of  
 31 Education to each of the various school districts based on each school  
 32 district's average daily membership (ADM) the previous year and to each of  
 33 the state's education service cooperatives in an amount equal to 50% of the  
 34 amount each cooperative expended for that purpose the previous year.

35 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~  
 36 July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.



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SECTION 14. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. STATE EQUALIZATION FUNDING. Of the total amount appropriated each fiscal year of the ~~2001-2003~~ 2003-2005 biennium for State Equalization Funding, the Department of Education shall allocate funding for and distribute to local school districts an amount not less than \$1,482,875,000 during the ~~2001-02~~ 2003-04 fiscal year and an amount not less than \$1,578,312,080 during the ~~2002-03~~ 2004-05 fiscal year for State Equalization Funding. If the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State reduces the revenue forecast for the Department of Education Public School Fund Account below \$1,585,921,514 during the ~~2001-02~~ 2003-04 fiscal year or below \$1,681,500,070 for the ~~2002-03~~ 2004-05 fiscal year the State Board of Education may reduce State Equalization Funding to local school districts prescribed in this Section by eighty five percent (85%) of the difference. If the Chief Fiscal Officer increases the revenue forecast above \$1,585,921,514 during the ~~2001-02~~ 2003-04 fiscal year or above \$1,681,500,070 for the ~~2002-03~~ 2004-05 fiscal year the State Board of Education may increase State Equalization Funding to local school districts by eighty five percent (85%) of the increase.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~ July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

SECTION 15. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS/STRIVE PROGRAM TRANSFER. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer on his books and those of the State Treasurer the sum of \$200,000 during each fiscal year, of the biennium from the Department of Education Public School Fund Account to the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Fund, specifically to provide funding for the Arkansas/STRIVE Program. The total amount of funds transferred each fiscal year pursuant to this section shall not be subject to any indirect costs by the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~ July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

SECTION 16. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

1 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. AMENDMENT  
 2 74 RULES AND REGULATIONS. Due to pending public school finance litigation,  
 3 before any rules and regulations pursuant to the implementation of Amendment  
 4 74 to the Arkansas Constitution are reviewed by the Administrative Rules and  
 5 Regulations Committee of the Arkansas Legislative Council and adopted by the  
 6 Department of Education, such proposed rules and regulations shall be  
 7 reviewed by the Litigation Reports Oversight Committee of the Arkansas  
 8 Legislative Council.

9 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~  
 10 July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

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 12 SECTION 17. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 13 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
 14 ASSESSMENT/END OF LEVEL TESTING. Of the total amount appropriated for  
 15 Assessment/End-of-Level Testing for each fiscal year of the ~~2001-2003~~ 2003-  
 16 2005 biennium, up to \$500,000 may be authorized by the Director of the  
 17 Department of Education to be used to provide staff development training for  
 18 educational cooperatives, school districts, and for Department of Education  
 19 staff on such content areas as test interpretation, goal setting, educational  
 20 plan development, curriculum development, instructional strategies, classroom  
 21 management and for evaluation procedures.

22 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~  
 23 July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

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 25 SECTION 18. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 26 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. AETN  
 27 DOCUMENTED QUIZ BOWL COSTS. Of the total amount of appropriation and funds  
 28 authorized herein to the Department of Education - for the Quiz Bowl each  
 29 fiscal year, an amount not to exceed 40% each fiscal year may be made  
 30 available to the Department of Education - Educational Television Division  
 31 for its documented costs associated with the Quiz Bowl.

32 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~  
 33 July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

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 35 SECTION 19. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 36 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. OPEN

1 ENROLLMENT CHARTER SCHOOL EVALUATION. The Department of Education is hereby  
 2 authorized to utilize a portion of the appropriation and funds authorized  
 3 herein for Open Enrollment Charter Schools for costs associated with the  
 4 evaluation of Open Enrollment Charter Schools.

5 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~  
 6 July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

8 SECTION 20. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 9 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

10 INTERVENTION BLOCK GRANTS FUNDING RESTRICTION. The Department of Education  
 11 shall not expend any of the appropriation authorized herein for Intervention  
 12 Block Grants until one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from the  
 13 Intervention Block Grants line item is made available each fiscal year for  
 14 the annual expenses of the Quiz Bowl; and twenty seven thousand dollars  
 15 (\$27,000) from the Intervention Block Grants line item each fiscal year is  
 16 made available for the Odyssey of the Mind for grants up to \$1,000 each for  
 17 students and chaperones.

18 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~  
 19 July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

21 SECTION 21. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 22 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. EAST

23 FUNDING PROVISION. Of the total amount appropriated for Technology Grants  
 24 each fiscal year, an amount of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000)  
 25 or eighteen percent (18%), whichever is greater each fiscal year, shall be  
 26 awarded through a grant or professional services contract for EAST  
 27 infrastructure personal services and operating expenses. The EAST  
 28 infrastructure grant or contract for personal services and operating expenses  
 29 shall be awarded to an entity that has personnel or experience, or both, in  
 30 implementing the EAST Initiative.

31 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2003  
 32 through June 30, 2005.

34 SECTION 22. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 35 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

36 PRIORITIZATION OF FUNDING. The State Board of Education shall give first

1 priority to allocating funding for those line-items contained in Section 1 of  
 2 this Act that further the State's goal of maintaining equitable funding of  
 3 students in the public schools of this State. Those line-items that further  
 4 this goal shall be those line-items that contribute to the State meeting the  
 5 Federal Range Ratio as it is described in 34 C.F.R. §§ 222.61, et seq.  
 6 (1994).

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 8 SECTION 23. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized  
 9 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds  
 10 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the  
 11 restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and  
 12 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
 13 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
 14 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
 15 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
 16 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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 18 SECTION 24. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly  
 19 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained  
 20 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act  
 21 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations  
 22 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by  
 23 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral  
 24 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or  
 25 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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 27 SECTION 25. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
 28 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
 29 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the  
 30 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2003 is essential to the operation of  
 31 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
 32 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective  
 33 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2003 could work irreparable harm upon the  
 34 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.  
 35 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being  
 36 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and

safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2003.

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