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HOUSE BILL 1534

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

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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16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
17 GRANTS & AIDS TO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS
18 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2003-2005
19 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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31 ITEM	32 FISCAL YEARS	
	NO.	
33 (01) SMART START/SMART STEP PROMOTIONAL	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
34 (02) TECHNOLOGY GRANTS	1,187,575	1,187,575
35 (03) GRANTS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS	47,000	47,000
36 (04) INTERVENTION BLOCK GRANTS	132,000	132,000



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)	TECHNOLOGY 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>\$1,733,502,405</u>	<u>\$1,733,502,405</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			Salary Rate
25	Item Class		Fiscal Years
26	No. Code Title	Maximum No. of 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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2 SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
3 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
4 RETIREMENT MATCHING. Beginning with the 1996-97 school year, Local School
5 Districts shall pay the teacher retirement employer contribution rate for any
6 eligible employee in accordance with rules and regulations established by the
7 Teacher Retirement Board of Directors. The appropriation contained herein for
8 Teacher Retirement Matching each fiscal year shall be used to provide the
9 employer matching for employees of the Cooperative Education Services Areas,
10 Vocational Centers, ~~Model Vocational—Technical Education Resource Center,~~
11 Arkansas Easter Seals and the school operated by the Department of
12 Correction.

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

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

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

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32 SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
33 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. PULASKI
34 COUNTY DESEGREGATION. (A) For the fiscal year ending ~~June 30, 2002~~ June 30,
35 2004, the Department of Education shall from time to time as needed, certify
36 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.

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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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2 *SECTION 14. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS*
3 *CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.*

4 *ARKANSAS/STRIVE PROGRAM TRANSFER. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State*
5 *shall transfer on his books and those of the State Treasurer the sum of*
6 *\$200,000 during each fiscal year, of the biennium from the Department of*
7 *Education Public School Fund Account to the University of Arkansas at Little*
8 *Rock Fund, specifically to provide funding for the Arkansas/STRIVE Program.*
9 *The total amount of funds transferred each fiscal year pursuant to this*
10 *section shall not be subject to any indirect costs by the University of*
11 *Arkansas at Little Rock.*

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

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15 *SECTION 15. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS*
16 *CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. AMENDMENT*
17 *74 RULES AND REGULATIONS. Due to pending public school finance litigation,*
18 *before any rules and regulations pursuant to the implementation of Amendment*
19 *74 to the Arkansas Constitution are reviewed by the Administrative Rules and*
20 *Regulations Committee of the Arkansas Legislative Council and adopted by the*
21 *Department of Education, such proposed rules and regulations shall be*
22 *reviewed by the Litigation Reports Oversight Committee of the Arkansas*
23 *Legislative Council.*

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

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27 *SECTION 16. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS*
28 *CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.*
29 *ASSESSMENT/END OF LEVEL TESTING. Of the total amount appropriated for*
30 *Assessment/End-of-Level Testing for each fiscal year of the ~~2001-2003~~ 2003-*
31 *2005 biennium, up to \$500,000 may be authorized by the Director of the*
32 *Department of Education to be used to provide staff development training for*
33 *educational cooperatives, school districts, and for Department of Education*
34 *staff on such content areas as test interpretation, goal setting, educational*
35 *plan development, curriculum development, instructional strategies, classroom*
36 *management and for evaluation procedures.*

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

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4 *SECTION 17. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS*
5 *CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. AETN*
6 *DOCUMENTED QUIZ BOWL COSTS. Of the total amount of appropriation and funds*
7 *authorized herein to the Department of Education - for the Quiz Bowl each*
8 *fiscal year, an amount not to exceed 40% each fiscal year may be made*
9 *available to the Department of Education - Educational Television Division*
10 *for its documented costs associated with the Quiz Bowl.*

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

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14 *SECTION 18. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS*
15 *CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. OPEN*
16 *ENROLLMENT CHARTER SCHOOL EVALUATION. The Department of Education is hereby*
17 *authorized to utilize a portion of the appropriation and funds authorized*
18 *herein for Open Enrollment Charter Schools for costs associated with the*
19 *evaluation of Open Enrollment Charter Schools.*

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

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23 *SECTION 19. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS*
24 *CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.*
25 *INTERVENTION BLOCK GRANTS FUNDING RESTRICTION. The Department of Education*
26 *shall make available from the Intervention Block Grants appropriation*
27 *authorized by this Act, one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) each fiscal*
28 *year for the annual expenses of the Quiz Bowl, thirteen thousand five hundred*
29 *dollars (\$13,500) each fiscal year for Odyssey of the Mind for grants up to*
30 *\$1,000 each for students and chaperones, thirteen thousand five hundred*
31 *dollars (\$13,500) each fiscal year for Destination Imagination, and five*
32 *thousand dollars (\$5,000) each fiscal year for the State History Day*
33 *Competition. The Department of Education shall allocate General Revenue*
34 *funding totaling no less than one hundred thirty two thousand dollars*
35 *(\$132,000) each fiscal year from the Department of Education Public School*
36 *Fund Account to support the annual expenses of the Quiz Bowl, the Odyssey of*

1 the Mind for grants up to \$1,000 each for students and chaperones,
2 Destination Imagination, and the State History Day Competition. The
3 Department shall either expend or have committed for expenditure the monies
4 allocated for the Quiz Bowl, Odyssey of the Mind, Destination Imagination,
5 and the State History Day Competition as authorized herein in order to
6 fulfill the provisions of this section.

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8 SECTION 20. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
9 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. EAST
10 FUNDING PROVISION. Of the total amount appropriated for Technology Grants
11 each fiscal year, an amount of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000)
12 or eighteen percent (18%), whichever is greater each fiscal year, shall be
13 awarded through a grant or professional services contract for EAST
14 infrastructure personal services and operating expenses. The EAST
15 infrastructure grant or contract for personal services and operating expenses
16 shall be awarded to an entity that has personnel or experience, or both, in
17 implementing the EAST Initiative.

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

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21 SECTION 21. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
22 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
23 PRIORITIZATION OF FUNDING. The State Board of Education shall give first
24 priority to allocating funding for those line-items contained in Section 1 of
25 this Act that further the State's goal of maintaining equitable funding of
26 students in the public schools of this State. Those line-items that further
27 this goal shall be those line-items that contribute to the State meeting the
28 Federal Range Ratio as it is described in 34 C.F.R. §§ 222.61, et seq.
29 (1994).

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31 SECTION 22. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
32 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. EXPLOR-
33 NET FUNDING PROVISION. Of the total appropriation authorized by this Act for
34 Technology Grants the Department of Education shall make available one
35 hundred eighty seven thousand five hundred seventy five dollars (\$187,575)
36 each fiscal year for Explor-Net Program initiatives to teach students

1 computer repair in a hands-on environment. The Department of Education shall
 2 allocate General Revenue funding totaling no less than one hundred eighty
 3 seven thousand five hundred seventy five dollars (\$187,575) each fiscal year
 4 from the Department of Education Public School Fund Account to support the
 5 Explor-Net Program. The Department shall either expend or have committed for
 6 expenditure the monies allocated for the Explor-Net Program in order to
 7 fulfill the provisions of this section.

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 9 SECTION 23. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 10 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS
 11 LEADERSHIP ACADEMY - REDUCTION OF FUNDS RESTRICTION. Upon determination by
 12 the Department of Education that a reduction in the amount of available
 13 appropriation within the Department of Education Fund Account is required
 14 from the amount appropriated, the reduction in the available appropriation
 15 from the full amount appropriated for the Arkansas Leadership Academy shall
 16 be limited to the average percentage reduction in the other appropriations to
 17 the Department of Education from the Department of Education Fund Account.

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 19 SECTION 24. Subsection (c) of Section 3 of uncodified Act 1288 of 1993,
 20 as amended, concerning the Pygmalion Commission is repealed:

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 22 ~~(c) The commission shall expire on June 30, 2003, unless the commission~~
 23 ~~is continued by further act of the Arkansas General Assembly.~~

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 25 SECTION 25. Arkansas Code Annotated 6-17-2104(j) of The Educator
 26 Compensation Act of 2001 is amended to read as follows:

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 28 (j) The required salary increase for targeted educators ~~who are~~
 29 ~~prekindergarten teachers~~ shall only be required to be implemented if the
 30 local school district has received sufficient state funds as determined by
 31 the Department of Education available to completely implement the required
 32 salary increase or proportion thereof for the given fiscal year.

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 34 SECTION 26. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized
 35 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds
 36 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the

1 restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and
2 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
3 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
4 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
5 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
6 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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8 *SECTION 27. LEGISLATIVE INTENT.* It is the intent of the General Assembly
9 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
10 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
11 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
12 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
13 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
14 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or
15 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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17 *SECTION 28. EMERGENCY CLAUSE.* *It is found and determined by the General*
18 *Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the*
19 *appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the*
20 *effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2003 is essential to the operation of*
21 *the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that*
22 *the General Assembly recognizes the important contribution to education made*
23 *by the Pygmalion Commission on Nontraditional Education, and that recognizing*
24 *and identifying how the educational system is failing a child early enough to*
25 *provide meaningful intervention is necessary to improve the educational*
26 *outcomes for at-risk students, and the Pygmalion Commission shall expire on*
27 *June 30, 2003 unless the General Assembly continues the Commission by further*
28 *act, and that Section 24 of this Act shall become effective immediately upon*
29 *its passage and approval, and that the General Assembly further recognizes*
30 *the financial hardships placed on school district resources if the required*
31 *salary increase authorized by The Educator Compensation Act of 2001 is to*
32 *continue, and that Section 25 of this Act shall become effective immediately*
33 *upon its passage and approval due to the economic downturn of state revenues*
34 *and insufficient resources to provide school districts with sufficient funds*
35 *to implement the required salary increase, and that in the event of an*
36 *extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective date of the*

1 remaining sections of this Act beyond July 1, 2003, could work irreparable
2 harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
3 programs. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being
4 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and
5 safety:

6 (1) Section 24 and Section 25 of this act shall become effective on:

7 (A) The date of its approval by the Governor;

8 (B) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the
9 expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill;
10 or

11 (C) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
12 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto; and

13 (2) All other sections of this act shall become effective on July 1,
14 2003.

15 /s/ Joint Budget Committee

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