

1 State of Arkansas
2 84th General Assembly
3 Second Extraordinary Session, 2003
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Call Item 3

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1031

5 By: Representative Cleveland
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL
10 SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR REGIONAL
11 ALTERNATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS FOR THE
12 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
16 REGIONAL ALTERNATIVE LEARNING
17 ENVIRONMENTS APPROPRIATION.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - REGIONAL ALTERNATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS.

23 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable
24 from the Department of Education Public School Fund Account, for personal
25 services and operating expenses for Regional Alternative Learning
26 Environments, the sum of\$5,000,000
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SECTION 2. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized

29 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds
30 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the
31 restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and
32 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
33 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
34 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
35 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
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1 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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3 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
4 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
5 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
6 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
7 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
8 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
9 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or
10 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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12 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
13 Assembly, that the effectiveness of this Act on the date of its passage and
14 approval is essential due to the recent Arkansas Supreme Court ruling that
15 the State has not fulfilled its constitutional duty to provide the children
16 of this State with a general, suitable, and efficient school funding system;
17 and the Arkansas Supreme Court has ruled that the k-12 public school system
18 in Arkansas is neither equitable nor adequate, that Regional Alternative
19 Learning Environments for which the appropriations in this Act are provided,
20 will enable students to achieve educational or behavioral goals that have not
21 been met by a school district. Therefore the effectiveness of this Act on
22 the date of its passage and approval is essential, the delay in the effective
23 date of this Act beyond the date of its passage and approval could work
24 irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential
25 governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist
26 and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
27 peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after the
28 date of its passage and approval. If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed
29 by the Governor, it shall become effective on the expiration of the period of
30 time during which the Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by
31 the Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the
32 date the last house overrides the veto.