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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1545

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT THE TEACHER COMPENSATION
9 SCHEDULE, NOT THE STATE GRADE CLASSIFICATION SCALE,
10 IS APPLICABLE TO TEACHERS OF THE C-STEP PROGRAM AND
11 THE ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD YOUTH CHALLENGE PROGRAM;
12 TO ENSURE THAT THE C-STEP PROGRAM AND THE ARKANSAS
13 NATIONAL GUARD YOUTH CHALLENGE PROGRAM ARE ELIGIBLE
14 FOR CLASSIFICATION AS LOW-INCOME SCHOOLS AND RECEIVE
15 THE BENEFITS THEREOF; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

18 TO CLARIFY THAT THE TEACHER COMPENSATION
19 SCHEDULE, NOT THE STATE GRADE
20 CLASSIFICATION SCALE, AND LOW-INCOME
21 SCHOOL STATUS ARE APPLICABLE TO THE C-
22 STEP PROGRAM AND THE ARKANSAS NATIONAL
23 GUARD YOUTH CHALLENGE PROGRAM.
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27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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29 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-2402(1), concerning the definition of
30 "basic contract", is amended to read as follows:

31 (1)(A) "Basic contract" means a teacher employment contract for
32 one hundred ninety (190) days that includes ten (10) days of professional
33 development, except at provided under subdivision (1)(B) for teachers
34 employed in a C-Step Program or the Arkansas National Guard Youth Challenge
35 Program.

36 (B) For the purpose of a teacher employed in the C-



1 Step Program or the Arkansas National Guard Youth Challenge Program, a basic
 2 contract for a teacher means full-time employment for one hundred ninety
 3 (190) days that includes ten (10) days of professional development and all
 4 additional days in excess of one hundred ninety (190) days paid at the daily
 5 rate under § 6-17-2403 that are required for full-time annual employment and
 6 subject to the policies and guidelines of the Arkansas National Guard;

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 8 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-17-2406 is amended to read as follows:

9 6-17-2406. Applicability of teacher salary schedule - Low-income
 10 school status.

11 (a) As used in this section, “teacher” means ~~any~~ a full-time employee
 12 of the C-Step Program or the Arkansas National Guard Youth Challenge Program,
 13 or both:

14 (1) Who is compelled by law to secure a license from the State
 15 Board of Education as a condition precedent to employment in a position in or
 16 related to grades prekindergarten through twelve (preK-12); and

17 (2) Who is:

18 (A) Engaged directly in instruction with students in a
 19 classroom setting, including the administration and preparation requirements
 20 for instruction, for more than seventy percent (70%) of the ~~employee's~~
 21 contracted time;

22 (B) A guidance counselor; or

23 (C) A librarian or media specialist.

24 (b)(1) To the extent that funds are specifically appropriated by the
 25 General Assembly, ~~any~~ a teacher employed by the C-Step Program or the
 26 Arkansas National Guard Youth Challenge Program, or both, shall be paid no
 27 less than the minimum amounts ~~set forth under this subchapter~~ under § 6-17-
 28 2403.

29 (2) The budget of the Arkansas National Guard shall include the
 30 calculation of teacher salaries for teachers in the C-Step Program and the
 31 Arkansas National Guard Youth Challenge Program based on § 6-17-2403.

32 (c) The C-Step Program or the Arkansas National Guard Youth Challenge
 33 Program may be designated by the Department of Education as a low-income
 34 school, and receive the benefits of such designation, if the C-Step Program
 35 or the Arkansas National Guard Youth Challenge Program meets the low-income
 36 school criteria.

1 ~~(d) Nothing in this~~ This section ~~shall be construed to~~ does not require
2 a school district to pay the salary of ~~any~~ a teacher who is not an employee
3 of the school district or ~~to~~ require that teachers be paid from any state
4 funds other than as appropriated by the General Assembly.

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