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A Bill

SENATE BILL 546

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "ELIGIBLE
INVESTMENT SECURITIES"; TO ALLOW CERTAIN PURCHASES BY
THE TREASURER OF STATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "ELIGIBLE
INVESTMENT SECURITIES"; AND TO ALLOW
CERTAIN PURCHASES BY THE TREASURER OF
STATE.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 19-1-501 is amended to read as follows:
19-1-501. "Eligible investment securities" defined.

As used in this subchapter, "eligible investment securities" means:

(1) A direct or guaranteed obligation of the United States that
is backed by the full faith and credit of the United States Government;

(2) A direct obligation of an agency, instrumentality, or
government-sponsored enterprise created by act of the United States Congress
and authorized to issue securities or evidences of indebtedness, regardless
of whether the securities or evidences of indebtedness are guaranteed for
repayment by the United States Government; ~~and~~

(3) A bond or other debt of the state, a school district, a
county government, a municipal government, or an authority of a governmental
entity that:

(A) Is issued for an essential governmental purpose or is



guaranteed by a state agency; and

(B) Has a debt rating from a nationally recognized credit rating agency of "A" or better at the time of purchase; and

(4) A bond from the State of Israel that *is guaranteed and backed by the full faith and credit of the government of Israel as the sovereign debt of the State of Israel.*

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 19, Chapter 3, Subchapter 5, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

19-3-523. Purchase of bonds by Treasurer of State.

(a) The Treasurer of State may purchase bonds from the State of Israel that *are guaranteed and backed by the full faith and credit of the government of Israel as the sovereign debt of the State of Israel.*

(b) The moneys that the Treasurer of State may use in the purchase of any bonds from the State of Israel shall be those funds available for investment under this subchapter.

/s/Rapert

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