

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.  
Act 170 of the Regular Session

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HOUSE BILL 1145

By: Representatives Cozart, *F. Allen, Barker, Beck, Bentley, Berry, Blake, Bragg, Breaux, Brown, Burch, Capp, Cavanaugh, Christiansen, Cloud, Clowney, Coleman, A. Collins, C. Cooper, Crawford, Dalby, A. Davis, M. Davis, Deffenbaugh, Della Rosa, Dotson, D. Douglas, Eaves, Eubanks, Evans, D. Ferguson, K. Ferguson, Fielding, C. Fite, L. Fite, V. Flowers, Fortner, D. Garner, Gates, Gazaway, Godfrey, Gonzales, M. Gray, Hawks, Hillman, G. Hodges, M. Hodges, Holcomb, Hollowell, House, Jett, L. Johnson, Kelly, Ladyman, Love, Lowery, Lundstrum, Lynch, Maddox, Magie, J. Mayberry, McCollum, McCullough, McNair, S. Meeks, Miller, Murdock, Nicks, Payton, Perry, Petty, Pilkington, Richardson, Richey, Richmond, Rushing, Rye, Scott, Slape, B. Smith, S. Smith, Sorvillo, Speaks, Sullivan, Tosh, Vaught, Walker, Warren, Watson, D. Whitaker, Wing, Womack*  
By: Senators *J. English, Bond, E. Cheatham, A. Clark, B. Davis, Elliott, J. Hendren, Hester, Hill, M. Johnson, G. Leding, Maloch, M. Pitsch*

**For An Act To Be Entitled**

AN ACT TO CREATE THE TEACHER SALARY ENHANCEMENT ACT;  
TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Subtitle**

TO CREATE THE TEACHER SALARY ENHANCEMENT  
ACT; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-5-307 is amended to read as follows:

6-5-307. Classroom teacher salary requirement – Definition.

(a) Any increase in Educational Excellence Trust Fund funds allocated for teacher salaries shall be used by school districts to provide salary increases for current licensed personnel positions and for no other purpose, except that required Social Security and teacher retirement matching required to be paid by the school districts for licensed personnel positions may be paid from the funds.



(b) Educational Excellence Trust Fund funds allocated for teacher salaries shall be disbursed by the Department of Education to ~~school districts pursuant to a school district in accordance with the state foundation funding formula~~ school district in accordance with the state foundation funding amount under § 6-20-2305.

(c) In determining whether a school district has had an increase in Educational Excellence Trust Fund funds allocated for teacher salaries, any annual increase in ~~such the trust~~ Educational Excellence Trust Fund funds must exceed the level of the ~~highest year since 1991~~ prior fiscal year to be classified as an increase.

(d) "Salary increase", as used in this section, ~~shall include~~ includes increments for experience or advanced hours or degrees.

(e) The department may promulgate rules to administer this section.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-17-2403(b), concerning the minimum teacher compensation schedule, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Each school district in the state shall have in place a salary schedule with at least the following minimum levels of compensation for a basic contract:

(1) For the ~~2017-2018~~ 2019-2020 school year:

Years of Experience	BA Degree Salary		MA Degree Salary	
0	<del>\$31,400</del>	<u>\$32,800</u>	<del>\$36,050</del>	<u>\$37,450</u>
1	<del>31,850</del>	<u>33,250</u>	<del>36,550</del>	<u>37,950</u>
2	<del>32,300</del>	<u>33,700</u>	<del>37,050</del>	<u>38,450</u>
3	<del>32,750</del>	<u>34,150</u>	<del>37,550</del>	<u>38,950</u>
4	<del>33,200</del>	<u>34,600</u>	<del>38,050</del>	<u>39,450</u>
5	<del>33,650</del>	<u>35,050</u>	<del>38,550</del>	<u>39,950</u>
6	<del>34,100</del>	<u>35,500</u>	<del>39,050</del>	<u>40,450</u>
7	<del>34,550</del>	<u>35,950</u>	<del>39,550</del>	<u>40,950</u>
8	<del>35,000</del>	<u>36,400</u>	<del>40,050</del>	<u>41,450</u>
9	<del>35,450</del>	<u>36,850</u>	<del>40,550</del>	<u>41,950</u>
10	<del>35,900</del>	<u>37,300</u>	<del>41,050</del>	<u>42,450</u>
11	<del>36,350</del>	<u>37,750</u>	<del>41,550</del>	<u>42,950</u>
12	<del>36,800</del>	<u>38,200</u>	<del>42,050</del>	<u>43,450</u>
13	<del>37,250</del>	<u>38,650</u>	<del>42,550</del>	<u>43,950</u>
14	<del>37,700</del>	<u>39,100</u>	<del>43,050</del>	<u>44,450</u>
15	<del>38,150</del>	<u>39,550</u>	<del>43,550; and</del>	<u>44,950;</u>

(2) For the ~~2018-2019~~ 2020-2021 school year ~~and each school year thereafter:~~

Years of Experience	BA Degree Salary	MA Degree Salary
0	<del>\$31,800</del> <u>\$33,800</u>	<del>\$36,450</del> <u>\$38,450</u>
1	<del>32,250</del> <u>34,250</u>	<del>36,950</del> <u>38,950</u>
2	<del>32,700</del> <u>34,700</u>	<del>37,450</del> <u>39,450</u>
3	<del>33,150</del> <u>35,150</u>	<del>37,950</del> <u>39,950</u>
4	<del>33,600</del> <u>35,600</u>	<del>38,450</del> <u>40,450</u>
5	<del>34,050</del> <u>36,050</u>	<del>38,950</del> <u>40,950</u>
6	<del>34,500</del> <u>36,500</u>	<del>39,450</del> <u>41,450</u>
7	<del>34,950</del> <u>36,950</u>	<del>39,950</del> <u>41,950</u>
8	<del>35,400</del> <u>37,400</u>	<del>40,450</del> <u>42,450</u>
9	<del>35,850</del> <u>37,850</u>	<del>40,950</del> <u>42,950</u>
10	<del>36,300</del> <u>38,300</u>	<del>41,450</del> <u>43,450</u>
11	<del>36,750</del> <u>38,750</u>	<del>41,950</del> <u>43,950</u>
12	<del>37,200</del> <u>39,200</u>	<del>42,450</del> <u>44,450</u>
13	<del>37,650</del> <u>39,650</u>	<del>42,950</del> <u>44,950</u>
14	<del>38,100</del> <u>40,100</u>	<del>43,450</del> <u>45,450</u>
15	<del>38,550</del> <u>40,550</u>	<del>43,950</del> <u>45,950;</u>

(3) For the 2021-2022 school year:

<u>Years of Experience</u>	<u>BA Degree Salary</u>	<u>MA Degree Salary</u>
<u>0</u>	<u>\$34,900</u>	<u>\$39,550</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>35,350</u>	<u>40,050</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>35,800</u>	<u>40,550</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>36,250</u>	<u>41,050</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>36,700</u>	<u>41,550</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>37,150</u>	<u>42,050</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>37,600</u>	<u>42,550</u>
<u>7</u>	<u>38,050</u>	<u>43,050</u>
<u>8</u>	<u>38,500</u>	<u>43,550</u>
<u>9</u>	<u>38,950</u>	<u>44,050</u>
<u>10</u>	<u>39,400</u>	<u>44,550</u>
<u>11</u>	<u>39,850</u>	<u>45,050</u>
<u>12</u>	<u>40,300</u>	<u>45,550</u>
<u>13</u>	<u>40,750</u>	<u>46,050</u>
<u>14</u>	<u>41,200</u>	<u>46,550</u>

15 41,650 47,050; and

(4) For the 2022-2023 school year and each school year

thereafter:

<u>Years of Experience</u>	<u>BA Degree Salary</u>	<u>MA Degree Salary</u>
<u>0</u>	<u>\$36,000</u>	<u>\$40,650</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>36,450</u>	<u>41,150</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>36,900</u>	<u>41,650</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>37,350</u>	<u>42,150</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>37,800</u>	<u>42,650</u>
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<u>12</u>	<u>41,400</u>	<u>46,650</u>
<u>13</u>	<u>41,850</u>	<u>47,150</u>
<u>14</u>	<u>42,300</u>	<u>47,650</u>
<u>15</u>	<u>42,750</u>	<u>48,150.</u>

*SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that there exists a shortage of licensed teachers in many areas of the state; that teacher salaries are a key factor in attracting individuals to the field of teaching; and that the provisions of this act should become effective at the beginning of the fiscal year to allow for implementation for the 2019-2020 school year. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on July 1, 2019.*

/s/Cozart

APPROVED: 2/18/19