ARKANSAS SENATE

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Amendment Form

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Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 980

"TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INCENTIVES FOR TEACHER RECRUITMENT AND

RETENTION AND EQUALIZE TEACHER SALARIES IN HIGH-PRIORITY SCHOOL

DISTRICTS."

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Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 980.

Amend Senate Bill No. 980 as originally introduced:

Page 2, delete lines 1 through 6 and substitute:
"(b) In order to further the state's policy of encouraging efficiency and the expansion of available course offerings that might be achieved through the voluntary consolidation or annexation of school districts, qualifying teachers in the resulting school district in an approved voluntary consolidation under §6-13-1404(a)(2) or § 6-13-1603(a) or in a receiving district in an approved voluntary annexation under §6-13-1403(a)(2)-(4) or § 6-13-1603(a) shall continue to receive the funding provided under this section if all school districts in the voluntary consolidation or annexation were high-priority districts in the immediately preceding school year, even if the average daily membership of the resulting or receiving school district is one thousand (1,000) or above."

AND

Page 2, line 7, delete "April 1" and substitute "April 15"

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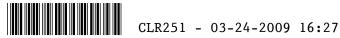Page 2, line 35, delete "is" and substitute "may be"

AND

Page 4, delete line 14 and substitute:
"requirements of this teacher recruitment and retention program.
    (e)(1) The bonus amounts provided under this section are the maximum amounts to be paid to qualifying teachers in high-priority districts, and are subject to the appropriation and availability of funding for the payment of the bonuses.
        (2) If the funds appropriated and available for the payment of

the bonuses under this section are insufficient to pay the maximum bonus
amounts to each qualifying teacher, the Department of Education shall
distribute the available funding to qualified teachers on a pro rata basis."

AND

Page 4, delete lines 28 through 34 and substitute:
"on July 1, 2009."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____
By: Senator Crumbly
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CLR251 **Secretary**