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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1029

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO INSURE THAT FUNDING IS AVAILABLE FOR EDUCATION, CORRECTIONS AND MEDICAID BY LIMITING EXPENDITURES OF STATE GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO MORE EFFECTIVELY UTILIZE SCARCE RESOURCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT TO INSURE FUNDING FOR EDUCATION, CORRECTIONS AND MEDICAID IS AVAILABLE BY LIMITING EXPENDITURES OF STATE GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO MORE EFFECTIVELY UTILIZE SCARCE RESOURCES.

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

SECTION 1. Intent. It is the intent of this act to insure that adequate funds are available to the public schools such that the state can comply with the requirements of the State Constitution for the education of our children, to the state Medicaid programs so that our disadvantaged may increase their quality of life, and to maintain a system of incarceration necessary for the continued safety of our citizens.

SECTION 2. No State agency, board, commission, office or institution shall expend more funds from the same state treasury fund, state treasury fund account, or bank account as was expended in the previous fiscal year with the exception of:

(1) Public School Fund expenditures for elementary and secondary education as appropriated by law;

(2) Department of Correction expenditures required for the care and custody of state inmates as appropriated by law;

(3) Expenditures required for the continuation or expansion of the Medicaid program as appropriated by law;

(4) Expenditures mandated by the federal government required for maintenance of effort;

(5) Expenditures mandated by a state or federal court; or

(6) Expenditures required by a bond issue or similar instrument.

SECTION 3. No state agency, board, commission, office or institution shall grant a cost of living increase to any employee whose annual salary rate is in excess of fifty thousand dollars ($50,000). However, at the end of the fiscal year a bonus may be granted to an employee whose annual salary rate is in excess of fifty thousand dollars ($50,000) in an amount equal to or less than the cost of living increase authorized for all other employees. The bonus shall be payable only from the savings in the budgeted appropriation of the state agency, board, commission, office or institution for the year as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.