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A Bill

SENATE BILL 3

By: Senator Hendren

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE \$3,000 TEACHER RAISES THAT WERE NOT FULLY FUNDED BY THE STATE DURING THE 2001-03 BIENNIUM DUE TO EXTRAORDINARY SHORTFALLS IN STATE REVENUE COLLECTIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
- TEACHER RAISES APPROPRIATION FOR THE
2003-2005 BIENNIUM.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - TEACHER RAISES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Department of Education Public School Fund Account, for restoring the remainder of the \$3,000 salary increase for teachers that was not fully funded during the 2001-03 biennium, the sum of \$80,000,000 each fiscal year of the biennial period ending June 30, 2005.

SECTION 2. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary

1 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
2 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
3 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
4 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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6 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
7 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
8 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
9 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
10 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
11 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
12 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or
13 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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15 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
16 Assembly that due to extraordinary shortfalls in state revenue collections
17 during the 2001-03 biennium the additional \$3,000 salary increase expected by
18 Arkansas teachers was not fully funded, and that in order to continue to
19 attract and maintain quality teachers in Arkansas the state must provide an
20 adequate and competitive salary, and that due to the current shortage of
21 teachers in Arkansas and the decreasing numbers of college students entering
22 the teaching profession it becomes increasingly important for the state to
23 fulfill its past commitment to Arkansas teachers during the 2003-05 biennium,
24 and for the state not to fulfill its commitment to teachers could jeopardize
25 the quality of education provided to Arkansas's children and discourage
26 future students from entering the teaching profession, and that the
27 Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds
28 for more than a two (2) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on
29 July 1, 2003 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the
30 appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an
31 extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective date of this Act
32 beyond July 1, 2003 could work irreparable harm upon the proper
33 administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore,
34 an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the
35 immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in
36 full force and effect from and after July 1, 2003.