

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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As Engrossed: H3/16/15
A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1861

By: Representative Murdock

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A MAXIMUM TEACHER SALARY
SCHEDULE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ESTABLISH A MAXIMUM TEACHER SALARY
SCHEDULE.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 17, Subchapter 24, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-17-2408. Maximum teacher compensation schedule.

(a) The General Assembly finds that the:

(1) General Assembly has a constitutional obligation to ensure that all school districts in the state have a substantially equal opportunity to recruit and retain qualified teachers;

(2) Arkansas Supreme Court in 2002 found that "serious disparities" . . . exist in teacher salaries among school districts within the State of Arkansas" and cited a disparity of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000);

(3) 2014 Teacher Salary Report prepared by the Bureau of Legislative Research found a disparity of over fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) in starting salaries and a gap of almost twenty-six thousand dollars (\$26,000) in average salaries; and

(4) General Assembly finds that past measures adopted to address the intrastate teacher salary disparity have proved ineffective.

(b) A school district board of directors shall not adopt a salary



schedule for licensed teachers that exceeds the minimum teacher salary schedule under § 6-17-2403(b) by more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

/s/Murdock