April 9, 2003

H 991. TEACHER ASSISTANT SALARY/TUITION FUNDS. TO INCREASE THE SALARY OF TEACHER ASSISTANTS TO THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL AND TO PAY TUITION FOR THE COURSES TEACHER ASSISTANTS MUST TAKE TO COMPLY WITH THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT OF 2001. Appropriates \$2,142,000 for 2003-2004 and \$2,142,000 for 2004-2005 from General Fund to State Aid to Local School Administrative Units to increase the average salary for teacher assistants from \$14,000 a year to the federal poverty level, as it is determined annually. Appropriates \$3 million for 2003-2004 and \$3 million for 2004-2005 from General Fund to State Aid to Local School Administrative Units to pay the community college tuition for courses teacher assistants must take to comply with the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. Effective July 1, 2003.

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