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Senator Jason Rapert Votes to Increase Teacher Salaries

Little Rock, AR – Senator Jason Rapert seconded the motion made in the Education Committee held at the state capitol today, to recommend teacher base salaries be increased to \$31,000 for those with a bachelor’s degree, and \$34,640 for those with a master’s degree. This would ultimately add \$16.5 million per year for teacher salaries through gradual increases over the next two school years.

“Without great teachers, Arkansas cannot give our children a great education. I am happy to support increasing the minimum salaries of school teachers in our state because we need to recruit and retain the best teachers to keep Arkansas moving forward.” Rapert led efforts to handle the teacher insurance crisis during a call for the special session in 2013.

“I voted for the salary increases because Arkansas teacher salaries have continued to rank lower than many other states in our nation. I appreciate the Education Committee for voting to recommend an increase in funding for those who daily lead and train our future Arkansas leaders”, said Senator Rapert. Rapert advocates transitioning school bus fleets, county fleets, municipal fleets and state vehicle fleets to CNG fuel to save hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars to help pay for other vital public needs.

About State Senator Jason Rapert

State Senator Jason Rapert is a Conway businessman. He and his wife Laurie are the parents of two children and proud graduates of the University of Central Arkansas.

First elected to the Arkansas Senate in 2010, Rapert currently serves as Chairman of the Senate Insurance and Commerce Committee and Chairman of the Hospital and Medicaid Study Subcommittee. He is the President and founder of Rapert Financial, Inc., past president of the Conway Rotary Club, and has served on several boards of directors including the Conway Area Chamber of Commerce, Conway Symphony and Conway Christian School Foundation.

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