

**Arkansas State Department of Education Announcement:
Public Notice and Comment
School Improvement Grant 1003(g), Waiver Request**

The Arkansas State Department of Education (ADE) is providing this public notice to solicit comments from local educational agencies (LEAs) and the public regarding a waiver of the requirements in Section 1.A.2(d)(1)(i)(B) as authorized in the final requirements for School Improvement Grants (SIG), Section 1003(g) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). This waiver will permit LEA's to allow their Tier I, Tier II, and Tier III, Title I participating schools that will fully implement a turnaround or restart model beginning in the 2012-2013 school year to "start over" in the school improvement timeline. The school must request this waiver in the SIG 1003(g) application.

Comments received will be forwarded to the U. S. Department of Education with the requested waiver. ADE will accept comments between Monday, January 9, 2012 and Friday, January 13, 2012 via electronic submission or U. S. mail.

Please submit your comments to Bobby Lester, Director of Federal Programs, Division of Learning Services, Four Capitol Mall, Box 26, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 or electronically to Bobby.Lester@arkansas.gov.

For more information on the Section 1003(g) School Improvement Grant, logon to the U.S. Department of education website:
<http://www2.ed.gov/programs/sif/index.html>.