

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to law as it existed prior to the 82nd General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 82nd General Assembly
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As Engrossed: H3/3/99

A Bill

Act 975 of 1999
HOUSE BILL 1296

5 By: Representative P. Malone
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN ANY AREA IS DECLARED A
10 NATURAL DISASTER AREA, SCHOOL DISTRICTS THEREIN WILL
11 NOT LOSE STATE EQUALIZATION FUNDING FOR THAT YEAR OR
12 THE NEXT YEAR; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

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15 DECLARED A NATURAL DISASTER AREA, SCHOOL
16 DISTRICTS THEREIN WILL NOT LOSE STATE
17 EQUALIZATION FUNDING FOR THAT YEAR OR
18 THE NEXT YEAR."

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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. When any county in the State of Arkansas is declared a
24 disaster declaration area by the Federal Emergency Management Administration,
25 the school districts that experienced loss of students due to the disaster,
26 and are located within that county, shall receive funding. The school
27 district shall be responsible for requesting these funds and for providing
28 documentation required by the Department of Education. The school district is
29 required to document the loss in enrollment specifically due to the disaster.
30 Funding shall be provided for two years, based on the loss in revenues from
31 the loss in average daily membership in the first year subsequent to the
32 natural disaster as compared to the year in which the natural disaster
33 occurred. Funding shall be calculated each fiscal year, with each qualifying
34 school district receiving either full reimbursement or a pro-rata share of the
35 total funds available. A school district may not receive funds for both a
36 loss in students due to a natural disaster and for a loss in revenues due to a

1 loss in students. These funds shall be distributed in accordance with rules
2 and regulations promulgated by the Department of Education.

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4 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
5 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
6 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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8 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
9 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
10 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
11 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
12 act are declared to be severable.

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14 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
15 hereby repealed.

16 /s/ P. Malone

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