

# ARKANSAS SENATE

85th General Assembly - First Extraordinary Session, 2006

## Amendment Form

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### Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 21

"AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - GRANTS AND AIDS AND  
SPECIAL PROGRAMS SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION."

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### Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill No. 21.

Amend Senate Bill No. 21 as engrossed, S4/5/06 (version: 04-05-2006 15:28):

Page 1, line 35, delete the number "11,600,000" and substitute  
"10,000,000"

And

Page 1, line 36, delete the number "\$86,325,000" and substitute  
"\$84,725,000"

And

Immediately following SECTION 16 insert a new section to read as follows:

"SECTION 17. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE  
ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL, AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
DECLINING DISTRICTS AND SPECIAL NEEDS ISOLATED - FUNDING RESTRICTIONS.

(a) If the amount necessary to provide declining enrollment funding  
under § 6-20-2305(a)(3)(A) as created in Senate Bill 24 of the First  
Extraordinary Session of 2006 is greater than ten million dollars  
(\$10,000,000) as determined by the Department of Education and certified to  
the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, then funds may be transferred from the  
Educational Adequacy Fund unless additional funds are available for transfer  
from funds allocated for school districts receiving special needs isolated  
funding under § 6-20-604.

(b) If the amount necessary to provide special needs isolated funding  
under § 6-20-604 is less than three million dollars (\$3,000,000) as  
determined by the Department of Education, then funds will be transferred to  
funds allocated for declining enrollment funding under § 6-20-2305(a)(3)(A)  
as created in Senate Bill 24 of the First Extraordinary Session of 2006.

(c) If the amount necessary to provide funding under § 6-20-  
2305(a)(3)(A) as created in Senate Bill 24 of the First Extraordinary Session  
of 2006 is less than the total funds appropriated for declining enrollment  
funding under § 6-20-2305(a)(3)(A) as created in Senate Bill 24 of the First



Extraordinary Session of 2006 or transferred under subsection (b) of this section, any remaining funds shall be distributed under § 6-20-2305(a)(3)(B) as created in Senate Bill 24 of the First Extraordinary Session of 2006.

(d) The General Assembly finds that ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) is sufficient to provide adequate funding for school districts that experience a decline in enrollment and three million dollars (\$3,000,000) plus existing available funds are sufficient to provide adequate funding for school districts that qualify as special isolated needs districts under ACA § 6-20-604. If the total amount of funding is not sufficient to fully fund the declining enrollment appropriation, the General Assembly has provided transfer authority to allow the transfer of funds between educational programs and the Educational Adequacy Fund. The General Assembly further finds that school districts that receive special needs isolated funding under ACA § 6-20-604 would not need full declining enrollment funding because the special needs isolated funding already supplements based on school size among other factors. Therefore, the special needs isolated school districts may receive additional funding only if funds are available.”

And

Renumber the subsequent SECTION numbers.

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_

By: Senator Luker

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Secretary