

ARKANSAS SENATE
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Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 736

"TO ENSURE HUMANE CONSIDERATION FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN CERTIFIED
ISOLATED SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH SPECIAL GEOGRAPHIC CIRCUMSTANCES."

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 736.

Amend Senate Bill No. 736 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete line 12 and substitute:

"TO PROVIDE AN ADJUSTMENT TO THE CALCULATION OF AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP OF AN ISOLATED SCHOOL FOR THE PURPOSE OF MEETING THE ENROLLMENT THRESHHOLD FOR ADMINISTRATIVE REORGANIZATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-20-604(c), concerning special needs funding for isolated schools, is amended to read as follows:

(c)(1) A school district meeting the requirements of subsection (b) of this section shall receive an additional amount equal to twenty percent (20%) of the foundation funding received by the school district under § 6-20-2305(a)(2) for the operation of the isolated school areas if the school district has:

~~(1)~~ (A) School facilities open for kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) in two (2) or more isolated schools meeting the requirements of subsection (b) of this section;

~~(2)~~ (B) A three-quarter average daily membership of five hundred (500) or less in the preceding school year; and

~~(3)~~ (C) A density ratio of one and three-tenths (1.3) students or less per square mile.

(2) The average daily membership calculation under the Public Education Reorganization Act, § 6-13-1601 et seq., for an isolated school district that receives additional funding under this subsection (c) shall be adjusted by an enrollment factor equal to the percentage of additional foundation funding the isolated school district receives under this subsection (c). This adjustment is to ensure that the average daily membership for an isolated school district is fairly and equitably calculated



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