

1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **79th General Assembly**  
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4 **By: Representative Thicksten**

# **A Bill**

**HOUSE BILL 1607**

## **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 "AN ACT TO REQUIRE AN ELECTRONIC WARRANTS TRANSFER SYSTEM  
9 FOR CERTAIN DISTRIBUTIONS BY THE STATE TO THE PUBLIC  
10 SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

## **Subtitle**

13 "ACT TO REQUIRE THAT DISTRIBUTIONS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS BE BY  
14 ELECTRONIC WARRANT TRANSFER."

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

18 SECTION 1. The Chief Fiscal Officer, the State Treasurer and the  
19 Auditor of State shall establish an electronic warrants transfer system to  
20 distribute certain funds directly to an account in a financial institution, as  
21 designated by the public school district's treasurer. The determination of  
22 the categories of funds to be distributed shall be made by the Director of the  
23 Department of Education. The public school district shall accept  
24 distributions by the electronic warrants transfer system.

26 SECTION 2. A public school district with a district treasurer may  
27 choose to have funds first distributed to the county treasurer or directly to  
28 the school district treasurer.

30 SECTION 3. If a school district with a district treasurer chooses  
31 direct distribution of funds to the school district treasurer, the State of  
32 Arkansas shall forward all state and federal funds for the district to the  
33 district treasurer, whether they are in the form of state warrants or  
34 electronic warrants transfers.

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1 SECTION 4. A single electronic warrants transfer may contain payments  
2 to multiple public school districts, appropriations, characters and funds.

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4 SECTION 5. The Chief Fiscal Officer, the State Treasurer and the  
5 Auditor of State, by joint rules, shall establish the standards and procedures  
6 for administering the system, to include that the electronic warrants transfer  
7 shall be in such form that a single instrument shall serve as electronic  
8 warrants transfer.

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

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14 SECTION 7. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
15 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
16 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
17 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
18 act are declared to be severable.

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20 SECTION 8. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
21 hereby repealed.

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23 SECTION 9. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the  
24 Seventh-Ninth General Assembly that the effective operation of Arkansas public  
25 schools is dependent upon the immediate receipt of funds, and this Act will  
26 alleviate problems attendant to the delay in the receipt of funds. Therefore,  
27 an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the  
28 immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full  
29 force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

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31 /s/E. Thicksten

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