

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1993**
4 **By: Representative Wallis**

A Bill

HOUSE BILL

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 6, CHAPTER 20,
9 SUBCHAPTER 3 TO ADD A NEW SECTION TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOL
10 DISTRICTS TO SPEND TWENTY PERCENT (20%) OF NET CURRENT
11 REVENUE FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTENANCE/OPERATION,
12 TECHNOLOGY AND SUPPLIES, AND OTHER EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES
13 NEEDED FOR THE EDUCATION OF THE CHILDREN IN THE PUBLIC
14 SCHOOLS IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

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17 "TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO SPEND 20% OF NET
18 CURRENT REVENUE FOR MAINTENANCE/OPERATION, TECHNOLOGY &
19 SUPPLIES FOR EDUCATION OF CHILDREN."

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

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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 20, Subchapter 3 is amended
24 by adding an additional section to read as follows:

25 "6-20-321. (a) For each school year, each school district in the state
26 shall spend on operation/maintenance, technology and supplies and other
27 supplies needed for the education of the children an amount at least equal to
28 twenty percent (20%) of its net current revenue as defined in this section.

29 (b) For the purpose of this section:

30 (1) Gross current revenue shall consist of the following items:
31 all property taxes actually collected including the forty percent (40%)
32 pullback, delinquent taxes, excess commissions, and land redemption; revenue
33 from any local government or in lieu of tax donations; tuition from all
34 sources; county apportionment, severance taxes; 16th section rents; all
35 unrestricted state aid; and all unrestricted federal revenue including public

1 law 81-874 (categories A and B) forest reserve, wild life refuge, flood
2 control, mineral leases, federal grazing, and any other revenue that may be
3 considered as in lieu of tax payments.

4 (2) Net current revenue shall be the gross current revenue as
5 defined in subdivision (1) of this subsection less the following amounts:

6 (A) State transportation aid;

7 (B) Set aside for textbook program aid;

8 (C) The amount required to meet principal and interest
9 on the state revolving loan program and or lease purchase contracts;

10 (D) The amount required to meet principal and interest on
11 commercial bonds; and

12 (E) Salaries for contracted maintenance and operation employees;

13 (F) Other benefits charged to operating fund for salaried
14 employees.

15 (c) If the requirements of this section shall cause any district to
16 have less than full term of school, that district may apply to the State Board
17 of Education for relief under regulations and criteria to be determined by the
18 State Department of Education in the administration of this section.

19 (d) It is the intent of this section to guarantee that districts have a
20 reasonable and proper amount of money to be spent on the care and maintenance
21 of facilities and the children are provided with the technology, supplies and
22 materials necessary to provide them with the necessary where-with-all to have
23 an opportunity for success into the 21st century."
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25 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent
26 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
27 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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29 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
30 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
31 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
32 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
33 act are declared to be severable.

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35 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are

1 hereby repealed.

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3 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General
4 Assembly that this act establishes the criteria for setting the minimum
5 expenditures for maintenance/operation, technology and supplies, and other
6 supplies necessary for students; that this act should go into effect at the
7 beginning of the next school year; and that unless this emergency clause is
8 adopted this act may not go into effect until after the beginning of the next
9 school year. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this act
10 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
11 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and
12 approval.

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