

1 **State of Arkansas**  
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4 **By: Representative Thicksten**

# A Bill

**HOUSE BILL**

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED § 6-20-302 TO  
9 PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS SERVING  
10 STUDENTS WHOSE NATIVE LANGUAGE IS OTHER THAN ENGLISH; AND  
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

14 "TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS  
15 SERVING STUDENTS WHOSE NATIVE LANGUAGE IS OTHER THAN  
16 ENGLISH."

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

20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-20-302(2) is hereby amended to read as  
21 follows:

22 "(2) Weighted average daily membership (WADM) means the average daily  
23 membership plus the add-on weights for special education, vocational  
24 education, gifted and talented education, and students who are limited in  
25 English proficiency.

26 (A) Students evaluated as special education students in  
27 accordance with regulations promulgated by the Department of Education shall  
28 be given add-on weights in the following amounts for each type of setting in  
29 which services are required:

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| 30 Itinerant                      | .40  |
| 31 Resource Room                  | .85  |
| 32 Self-contained (Ratio of 1-15) | .70  |
| 33 Self-contained (Ratio of 1-10) | 1.10 |
| 34 Self-contained (Ratio of 1-6)  | 2.00 |
| 35 Special School, Day            | 2.35 |

1 (B) Vocational programs shall be divided into four (4) groups.  
2 Group 1 shall include career orientation and cooperative programs except those  
3 involving handicapped students. Group 2 shall include coordinated career  
4 education, consumer and homemaking education, and exploratory programs in all  
5 occupational areas. Group 3 shall include skill training programs in all  
6 occupational areas. Group 4 shall include exceptionally high cost skill  
7 training programs limited to electronics, welding, machine shop, industrial  
8 equipment mechanics, and metal trades. Weighting for programs approved by the  
9 Vocational and Technical Education Division shall be as follows:

| 10 | SERVICE HOUR | FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT |
|----|--------------|----------------------|
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| 12 | Group 1 .067 | .40                  |
| 13 | Group 2 .083 | .50                  |
| 14 | Group 3 .100 | .60                  |
| 15 | Group 4 .150 | .90                  |

16 (C) When a home district sends students to an approved vocational  
17 center, funds shall be transmitted by the home district to the vocational  
18 center during the year instruction is provided on the same schedule through  
19 which the home district receives its Minimum Foundation Program Aid from the  
20 Department of Education or on some alternate schedule approved by the  
21 Vocational and Technical Education Division. These funds shall equal two  
22 hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per half-time equivalent student (three (3)  
23 periods) during school year 1985-86 for tuition and one hundred percent (100%)  
24 of the funds generated by add-on weights. The tuition shall increase to three  
25 hundred dollars (\$300) per half-time equivalent student for the school year  
26 1986-87 and shall, for school years thereafter, be determined by the State  
27 Board of Vocational Education after an analysis of the impact of charging  
28 tuition on vocational centers enrollments. Each school district participating  
29 in a vocational center shall submit to the Vocational and Technical Education  
30 Division by April 10 of each year the number of students enrolled in the  
31 current school year. The Vocational and Technical Education Division shall use  
32 current enrollments to determine the number of add-ons to be certified, by  
33 April 25 of each year, to the General Education Division which is used for the  
34 computation of state aid.

35 (D) School districts which operate, either individually or as a

1 part of a cooperative of districts, an approved educational program for gifted  
2 and talented students shall receive funds for the operation of the program  
3 based on an add-on weight of twenty-five hundredths (.25) for each of its  
4 students identified as being gifted or talented under guidelines and criteria  
5 approved by the State Board of Education, up to a number equal to five percent  
6 (5%) of its ADM for the previous year.

7           (E) School districts that serve students whose native language is  
8 other than English and who are limited in English proficiency, according to  
9 regulations promulgated by the Department of Education, shall receive add-on  
10 weighting equal to fifty hundredths (.50) for each student served."

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

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16           SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
17 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
18 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
19 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
20 act are declared to be severable.

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

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