

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 84th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2003

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1801

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5 By: Representative Mahony
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO
10 PROVIDE INCENTIVE FUNDING FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS ON
11 A PRO-RATA BASIS AS FUNDS ARE MADE AVAILABLE; AND
12 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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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 § 6-20-324 is amended to read as follows:
24 6-20-324. Incentive revenues to encourage local millage.

25 (a) After the calculation and provision of additional base funding, as
26 funds are made available, the Department of Education ~~shall~~ may provide
27 incentive funding to local school districts below the district at the ninety-
28 fifth percentile in order to reward local school districts for levying
29 additional mills available for maintenance and operations and in order to
30 remove the potential disincentive for a local school district to reduce its
31 additional mills available for maintenance and operations in order to receive
32 additional base funding or in order to receive an increase in additional base
33 funding.

34 (b) If there are not enough funds available to completely fund the
35 program under subsection (a), incentive funding may be provided on a pro-rata
36 basis.



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SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that with recent reductions in the funding for education in Arkansas there will not be sufficient funding available to provide incentive funding at the full rate currently provided by statute; that the Department of Education needs the ability to provide incentive funding to school districts on a pro-rata basis, if necessary, for the 2003-2004 school year; and that this act is immediately necessary because a delay in implementation would cause difficulties in funding public schools for the 2003-2004 school year. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or

(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.