

1 State of Arkansas
2 84th General Assembly
3 Second Extraordinary Session, 2003
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Call Item 6

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1167

5 By: Representative Sumpter
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL LOCAL REVENUE TO
10 PUBLIC SCHOOLS BY REQUIRING STATE FUNDING TO
11 SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR TEACHER INSURANCE COSTS; TO
12 REDUCE THE STATE FOUNDATION FUNDING AMOUNT FOR
13 SCHOOL YEAR 2004-2005 IN ORDER TO PROVIDE
14 SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR TEACHER INSURANCE; AND FOR
15 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

17 REQUIRES STATE FUNDING TO SCHOOL
18 DISTRICTS FOR TEACHER INSURANCE AND
19 REDUCES FOUNDATION FUNDING AMOUNT FOR
20 THE 2004-2005 SCHOOL YEAR.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 17, Subchapter 11 is amended
27 to add a new section as follows:

28 6-17-1119. State contribution for public school employee health
29 insurance.

30 Beginning July 1, 2004, the State of Arkansas shall make a monthly
31 payment to each school district in an amount equal to one hundred and thirty-
32 one dollars (\$131) multiplied by the number of the district's active
33 participants in the Public School Employees Health Insurance program
34 sponsored by the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Board.
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36 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2003(22), as added by Act 59 of the



1 Second Extraordinary Session of 2003 and concerning the definition of student
 2 growth funding, is amended to read as follows:

3 (22)(A) "Student growth funding" means the amount of state financial
 4 aid provided to each school district from the funds made available for that
 5 purpose.

6 (B) For school year 2004-2005, student growth funding is
 7 calculated as ~~five thousand four hundred dollars (\$5,400)~~ five thousand two
 8 hundred sixty-five dollars (\$5,265) multiplied by the increase, if any, in
 9 the school district's two-quarter average of the average daily membership of
 10 the current school year over the local school district's average daily
 11 membership for the previous school year, excluding any increase resulting
 12 solely from consolidation or annexation with another school district;
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14 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2005(a), as added by Act 59 of the
 15 Second Extraordinary Session of 2003 and concerning public school foundation
 16 funding, is amended to read as follows:

17 (a)(1) For each school year, a school district shall receive state
 18 foundation funding aid computed as the difference between the foundation
 19 funding amount pursuant to subdivision (a)(2) of this section and the sum of
 20 ninety-eight percent (98%) of the uniform rate of tax times the property
 21 assessment of the school district plus seventy-five percent (75%) of
 22 miscellaneous funds of the school district.

23 (2) For the 2004-2005 school year, the foundation funding amount
 24 is equal to ~~five thousand four hundred dollars (\$5,400)~~ five thousand two
 25 hundred sixty-five dollars (\$5,265) times the average daily membership of the
 26 previous school year.
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28 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
 29 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the Arkansas Supreme Court in
 30 Lake View School District No. 25 v. Huckabee, 351 Ark. 31 (2002) declared the
 31 current system of education to be unconstitutional because it is both
 32 inequitable and inadequate; that the Arkansas Supreme Court determined that
 33 the state has an absolute duty to provide an equal opportunity to an adequate
 34 education, including providing for equitable salaries for teachers; that
 35 requiring the state to fund teacher health insurance costs will result in
 36 additional local revenue for public schools to expend on providing a better

1 education for students; and that requiring the state to begin funding teacher
2 insurance should not be delayed. Therefore, an emergency is declared to
3 exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the
4 public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

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

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

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

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