

1 State of Arkansas  
2 91st General Assembly  
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4

As Engrossed: 5/19/17

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 23

5 By: Senator B. Johnson  
6 By: Representatives Cozart, Cavanaugh  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CHANGE THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS  
10 ISOLATED FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AND FOR  
11 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

15 TO CHANGE THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR SPECIAL  
16 NEEDS ISOLATED FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL  
17 DISTRICTS.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-20-604(c)(3), concerning special needs  
23 isolated funding, is amended to read as follows:

24 (3) A density ratio of ~~one and three tenths (1.3)~~ one and five-  
25 tenths (1.5) students or less per square mile.  
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27 *SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the*  
28 *General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that isolated school districts need*  
29 *additional funding to effectively operate their school districts; that the*  
30 *provision of this additional funding is necessary to avoid an interruption of*  
31 *the delivery of educational services; and that this act is immediately*  
32 *necessary to ensure that the additional funding is provided for the upcoming*  
33 *academic year so that the affected school districts can budget accordingly.*  
34 *Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately*  
35 *necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall*  
36 *become effective on:*



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(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.

/s/B. Johnson

**APPROVED: 02/06/2017**