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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1943

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6 By: Representative C. Douglas

7 Filed with: Interim House Committee on Education
8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

9 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

10 AN ACT TO PROVIDE STATE FUNDING AID FOR STUDENT
11 TRANSPORTATION COSTS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS; TO
12 DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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15 **Subtitle**

16 TO PROVIDE STATE FUNDING AID FOR STUDENT
17 TRANSPORTATION COSTS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL
18 DISTRICTS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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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 § 6-20-2305(b)(1), is amended to read as follows:

24 (b)(1) In addition to state foundation funding aid, each school district shall receive funding for
25 additional education categories as provided in subdivisions ~~(b)(2)-(5)~~ (b)(2)-(6) of this section.

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27 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(b), concerning additional education categories of state
28 funding for schools, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

29 (6) Beginning with the 2013-2014 school year, all student transportation funding provided
30 to a school district over the amount of three hundred nine dollars and ninety cents (\$309.90) under this
31 subchapter shall be distributed as provided under subsection (c) of this section.

32 (c)(1) The Department of Education shall provide to a school district annual state funding for
33 student transportation based on the school district's unfunded student transportation costs based on
34 linear route miles.

35 (2) The department shall develop the funding formula.
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1 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of
2 the State of Arkansas that it is the state's constitutional obligation to provide a general, suitable, and
3 efficient free system of public schools in the state; that many school districts have high student
4 transportation costs and must use a greater amount of foundation funding for student transportation than
5 other school districts; that the student transportation funding and distribution under this act are needed to
6 ensure that proper resources are provided to public schools and school districts under the state's
7 constitutional obligation; and that this act is immediately necessary so that public schools and school
8 districts will receive the amount of funding provided under this act for the 2013-2014 school year.
9 Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being necessary for the preservation of the
10 public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on July 1, 2013.

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/s/C. Douglas

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15 Referred by the Arkansas House of Representatives

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