

## INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2015-094

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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 851

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6 By: Senator Elliott

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO AMEND THE PURPOSES FOR NATIONAL SCHOOL  
11 LUNCH STATE CATEGORICAL FUNDING; TO SUPPORT PUBLIC  
12 SCHOOL PROGRAMS THAT IMPROVE THE HEALTH AND WELL-  
13 BEING OF PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS; AND FOR OTHER  
14 PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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19 LUNCH STATE CATEGORICAL FUNDING; AND TO  
20 SUPPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL PROGRAMS THAT  
21 IMPROVE THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF  
22 PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS.

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

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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(b)(4)(C)(i), concerning the  
28 approved purposes for expenditures from national school lunch state  
29 categorical funding, is amended to read as follows:

30 (C)(i)(a) The State Board of Education shall establish by  
31 rule a list of approved programs and purposes for which funds allocated under  
32 this subdivision (b)(4) may be expended and-

33 ~~(b) School school districts shall expend those~~  
34 ~~funds allocated under this subdivision (b)(4) only on the programs or~~  
35 ~~purposes on the State Board of Education's list of approved programs and~~  
36 ~~purposes for which funds allocated under this subdivision (b)(4) may be~~

1 ~~expended, which shall include, but are not limited to: only on programs or~~  
 2 ~~for the purposes on the list.~~

3 (b) By no later than January 1, 2017, the  
 4 State Board of Education's list of approved programs and purposes shall  
 5 include the following Category 1 programs:

6 ~~(1) Classroom teachers, provided that~~  
 7 ~~the school district meets the minimum salary schedule in § 6-17-2403 without~~  
 8 ~~using funds provided under this subdivision (b)(4) and that those teachers~~  
 9 ~~are used for the purposes delineated in this subdivision (b)(4);~~

10 ~~(2)(1) Before-school academie programs~~  
 11 ~~and after-school academie programs that are either school-based or school-~~  
 12 ~~linked and that use research-informed and innovative strategies to integrate~~  
 13 ~~program content with curriculum frameworks across a variety of subject areas,~~  
 14 ~~including and the transportation to and from the programs;~~

15 ~~(3)(2) Prekindergarten programs~~  
 16 ~~coordinated by the Department of Human Services;~~

17 ~~(4)(3) Tutors, teachers' aides,~~  
 18 ~~counselors, social workers, nurses, and curriculum specialists;~~

19 ~~(5) Parent education;~~

20 ~~(6)(4) Summer programs;~~

21 ~~(7) Early intervention programs;~~

22 ~~(8) Materials, supplies, and equipment,~~  
 23 ~~including technology used in approved programs or for approved purposes;~~

24 ~~(9) Federal child nutrition programs, to~~  
 25 ~~the extent necessary to provide school meals without charge to all students~~  
 26 ~~under the United States Department of Agriculture Special Assistance~~  
 27 ~~Alternative "Provision 2" program under 42 U.S.C. § 1759a, as it exists on~~  
 28 ~~July 1, 2011;~~

29 ~~(10) Federal child nutrition programs,~~  
 30 ~~to the extent necessary to provide school meals without charge to students~~  
 31 ~~otherwise eligible for reduced-price meals under the United States Department~~  
 32 ~~of Agriculture's National School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program;~~

33 ~~(11)(5) Expenses directly related to~~  
 34 ~~funding a longer school day that uses one (1) or more of the positive youth~~  
 35 ~~development program activities identified under § 6-5-904(f)(4);~~



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2 the extent necessary to provide school meals without charge to all students  
3 under the United States Department of Agriculture Special Assistance  
4 Alternative "Provision 2" program under 42 U.S.C. § 1759a, as it existed on  
5 July 1, 2013;

6                   (6) Federal child nutrition programs, to  
7 the extent necessary to provide school meals without charge to students  
8 otherwise eligible for reduced-price meals under the United States Department  
9 of Agriculture's National School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program;

10                   (7) Teach For America professional  
11 development; and

12                   (8) Implementing a school-wide evidence-  
13 based program intended to close achievement gaps, including without  
14 limitation, a program with an arts-infused curriculum.

15                   (d) Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year,  
16 a school district shall annually spend:

17                   (1) Sixty percent (60%) or more of the  
18 school district's national school lunch state categorical funding remaining  
19 for use after any permissible transfers on one (1) or more of the Category 1  
20 programs under subdivision (b)(4)(C)(i)(b) of this section; or

21                   (2)(A) If a school in the district is  
22 identified by the Department of Education as a focus school, priority school,  
23 or school in academic distress, seventy-five percent (75%) or more of the  
24 school district's national school lunch state categorical funding allocated  
25 to the school on one (1) or more of the Category 1 programs under subdivision  
26 (b)(4)(C)(i)(b) of this section.

27                   (B) For the purpose of this  
28 subdivision (b)(4)(C)(i)(d)(2), a school district shall allocate to each  
29 school in the school district a prorated amount of the school district's  
30 national school lunch state categorical funding based on the national school  
31 lunch student population in each school.

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33           SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(b)(4)(D)(i), concerning a school  
34 district report on the expenditure of national school lunch state categorical  
35 funds, is amended to read as follows:

1 (D)(i) By the end of each school year, each school  
2 district shall submit to the Department of Education a report listing that:

3 (a) Lists each program upon which funds  
4 allocated under this subdivision (b)(4) were expended;

5 (b) Identifies the amount expended, for each  
6 program;

7 (c) Documents the specific benefit of each  
8 program to the academic progress of low-income students; and

9 (d) Includes any other information required by  
10 the Department of Education.

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12 */s/Elliott*

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15 Referred by the Arkansas Senate

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