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Call Item 4

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1161

5 By: Representatives Hathorn, Stovall
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE CONSOLIDATION
10 ASSISTANCE TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT
11 ADMINISTRATIVELY CONSOLIDATE; AND FOR OTHER
12 PUPROSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE
16 CONSOLIDATION ASSISTANCE TO SCHOOL
17 DISTRICTS THAT ADMINISTRATIVELY
18 CONSOLIDATE.
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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 § 6-13-1604, as added by the act that was
24 introduced as House Bill 1109 of the Second Extraordinary Session of the
25 General Assembly, is amended to read as follows:

26 6-13-1604. Administrative consolidation assistance funds.

27 (a)(1) The state shall pay administrative consolidation assistance
28 funds to each school district that:

29 ~~(1)(A)~~ Is administratively consolidated or annexed by the
30 State Board of Education under § 6-13-1603 by ~~July 1, 2005~~ July 1, 2004; or

31 ~~(2)(A)(B)(i)~~ Has an average daily membership of at least
32 three hundred fifty (350) and no more than five hundred (500) for each of the
33 two (2) school years preceding the school year in which the administrative
34 consolidation or annexation petition is filed; and

35 ~~(B)(ii)~~ Voluntarily petitions and receives approval
36 from the state board to administratively consolidate or annex prior to July



1 1, 2004.

2 ~~(b)(2)~~ Administrative consolidation assistance funds provided
 3 under subsection (a) of this section shall be paid in an amount equal to:

4 ~~(1)(A)~~ Eight hundred dollars (\$800) multiplied times the
 5 consolidated average daily membership, but the consolidated average daily
 6 membership number used in this calculation shall not exceed seven hundred
 7 (700) students; plus

8 ~~(2)(B)~~ Seven hundred dollars (\$700) multiplied times the
 9 consolidated national school lunch student total, but the consolidated
 10 national school lunch student total used in this calculation shall not exceed
 11 seven hundred (700) national school lunch students.

12 (b)(1) To the extent funding is available after the administrative
 13 consolidation assistance funds allowed under subsection (a) is provided to
 14 all eligible school districts, the state shall pay administrative
 15 consolidation assistance funds to each school district that:

16 (A) Has an average daily membership of more than five
 17 hundred (500) for each of the two (2) school years preceding the school year
 18 in which the administrative consolidation or annexation petition is filed;
 19 and

20 (B) Administratively consolidates or annexes with another
 21 school district by to July 1, 2004.

22 (2)(A) Administrative consolidation assistance funds under
 23 subsection (c) of this section shall be paid in an amount equal to:

24 (i) Eight hundred dollars (\$800) multiplied times
 25 the resulting district's average daily membership, but the resulting
 26 district's average daily membership number used in this calculation shall not
 27 exceed seven hundred (700) students; and

28 (ii) Seven hundred dollars (\$700) multiplied times
 29 the resulting district's national school lunch student total, but the
 30 resulting district's national school lunch student total used in this
 31 calculation shall not exceed seven hundred (700) national school lunch
 32 students.

33 (B) If there is insufficient funding available to pay the
 34 amounts under subdivision (b) of this section, those amounts shall be reduced
 35 by the Department of Education in such a manner as to provide equal
 36 administrative consolidation assistance funds per student to the school

1 districts that are eligible for funding under subsection (c).

2 (c) A school district that is eligible to receive funding under both
3 subsection (a) and subsection (b) of this section shall first receive funding
4 under subsection (a) of this section and then shall receive funding under
5 subsection (b) of this section, but a school district shall not receive total
6 funding for more than seven (700) hundred students under both subsections (a)
7 and (b).

8 ~~(e)(1)~~(d)(1) Administrative consolidation assistance funds may be used
9 by the school districts for any purpose.

10 (2) However, the state board by rule may require funds to be
11 expended on the construction or improvement of school facilities.

12 ~~(d)~~(e) The funds shall be paid to the resulting administratively
13 consolidated or annexed school district during the first year of the
14 consolidated or annexed district's existence.

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