

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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1 State of Arkansas
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As Engrossed: H3/29/07

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2751

5 By: Representatives M. Martin, Cook
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF TRANSPORTATION
10 TIME FOR STUDENTS IN CONSOLIDATED AND ANNEXED
11 PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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13 **Subtitle**

14 AN ACT TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF
15 TRANSPORTATION TIME FOR STUDENTS IN
16 CONSOLIDATED AND ANNEXED 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 Title 6, Chapter 19 is amended to add an*
23 *additional section to read as follows:*

24 *6-19-123. Transportation efficiency study.*

25 *(a) The Bureau of Legislative Research in conjunction with the*
26 *Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation shall*
27 *conduct a study of the transportation of public school students by public*
28 *school districts in the state with an emphasis on public school districts*
29 *resulting from consolidation or annexation, isolated school districts, and*
30 *public school districts with declining enrollment to assess whether the time*
31 *and cost of public school district transportation for students enrolled in*
32 *those public school districts can or should be minimized.*

33 *(b) The study shall include, without limitation, the following:*

34 *(1) How public school districts administer student*
35 *transportation routes and number of school buses to accommodate student*



1 needs;

2 (2) How regional or local geography influence time and cost of
3 school bus routes;

4 (3) How student characteristics and density or scarcity of
5 student population impact the time and cost of student transportation; and

6 (4) A review of other states' practices concerning student
7 transportation.

8 (c) The bureau shall report its findings and recommendations to the
9 House Interim Committee on Education and the Senate Interim Committee on
10 Education before October 1, 2008.

11 (d) The report shall include, without limitation, the following:

12 (1) A description of the boundaries of all public school
13 districts resulting from consolidation or annexation;

14 (2) A list of public school districts for which a boundary
15 adjustment or other alternative would reduce the public school district's
16 transportation time or cost;

17 (3) A detailed description of each alternative for reducing a
18 public school district's transportation time or cost, including without
19 limitation for each alternative:

20 (A) The number of hours of transportation time saved per
21 student presented by public school district and by statewide total;

22 (B) The total cost saved under the alternative presented
23 by public school district and by statewide total; and

24 (4) A description of the proposed implementation of any
25 alternative, including without limitation:

26 (A) The cost of implementation; and

27 (B) For any boundary change considered in the alternative,
28 the impact, if any, of the boundary change on an affected public school
29 district's compliance with the State Board of Education's standards for
30 accreditation, academic achievement, and financial management.

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32 /s/ M. Martin, et al

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34 APPROVED: 4/9/2007