

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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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1726

5 By: Representatives Kenney, Abernathy
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT IN CONCORDANCE WITH THE 2006 ACT 57 STUDY;
10 TO ASSIST SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH THE TRANSITION
11 BETWEEN LEVELS OF CATEGORICAL FUNDING FOR
12 NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH STUDENTS BY PROVIDING A
13 METHOD OF TRANSITIONAL FUNDING DURING A THREE-
14 YEAR PERIOD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

17 AN ACT TO ASSIST SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH
18 THE TRANSITION BETWEEN LEVELS OF
19 CATEGORICAL FUNDING FOR NATIONAL SCHOOL
20 LUNCH STUDENTS BY PROVIDING A METHOD OF
21 TRANSITIONAL FUNDING DURING A THREE-YEAR
22 PERIOD.
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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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28 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. ACT 57 COMPLIANCE.

29 The General Assembly declares this act to be in concordance with the
30 study of the state's system of public education conducted in 2006 by the
31 Adequacy Study Oversight Subcommittee, the Senate Interim Committee on
32 Education, and the House Interim Committee on Education in compliance with
33 Act 57 of the Second Extraordinary Session of 2003.
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35 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(b)(4)(B), concerning categorical



1 funding for national school lunch students, is amended to read as follows:

2 (B)(i) Funding under this subdivision (b)(4) for national
3 school lunch students shall be based on the percentage determined in § 6-20-
4 2303(12) multiplied by the number of the previous school year's enrolled
5 students.

6 (ii) Beginning with the 2007-2008 school year, for
7 school districts that are to receive funding under this subdivision (b)(4)
8 based on a different percentage than the preceding school year as determined
9 in § 6-20-2303(12), the funding shall be paid or reduced in three (3) equal
10 amounts over a three-year period following the year in which a school
11 district's number of national school lunch students:

12 (a) Meets, exceeds, or falls below ninety
13 percent (90%); or

14 (b) Meets, exceeds, or falls below seventy
15 percent (70%) but is less than ninety percent (90%).

16 (iii)(a) The Department of Education shall establish
17 rules to implement the transitional funding provided in subdivision
18 (b)(4)(B)(ii) of this section.

19 (b) The rules shall include a method of
20 transitional funding for a school district that both falls below and exceeds
21 a funding level identified in subdivision (b)(4)(A) of this section within a
22 three-year period.

23 (iv) Under no circumstances shall a school district
24 be entitled to receive more or less funding as a result of the transitional
25 process than the school district is otherwise entitled to receive under
26 subdivision (b)(4) of this section based on the school district's national
27 school lunch student population as a percentage of the school district's
28 entire student population.

29 ~~(ii)(a)(v)(a)~~ A school district that has experienced
30 a significant growth in enrolled students in the previous three (3) years
31 shall receive funding for the expected increase in the number of national
32 school lunch students based on the expected increase in enrolled students
33 based on the levels of funding provided in this section for national school
34 lunch students.

35 (b) The State Board of Education shall
36 establish rules to be used by the Department of Education to determine:

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(1) The amount of growth necessary to qualify as significant growth;

(2) The expected increase in the number of national school lunch students based on the expected increase in enrolled students; and

(3) Which school districts have experienced a significant growth in enrolled students as necessary to qualify for funding under this subdivision (b)(4)(B)(ii).

(c) The Department of Education shall not be required to adjust or fund a school district's national school lunch students based on the current year's number of national school lunch students enrolled in the district or the average growth of students in the district.

/s/ Kenney, et al

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