

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

1 State of Arkansas
2 87th General Assembly
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HOUSE BILL 1555

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5 By: Representatives Betts, Cook
6 By: Senator Broadway

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9 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

10 AN ACT TO CLARIFY STUDENT GROWTH FUNDING FOR
11 PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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13 **Subtitle**

14 TO CLARIFY STUDENT GROWTH FUNDING FOR
15 PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

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

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20 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(c)(2)(B), concerning student*
21 *growth funding, is amended to read as follows:*

22 ~~(B)(i) The State Board of Education shall establish by~~
23 ~~rule the timing of distributions of student growth funding and the mechanism~~
24 ~~for determining the quarterly average daily membership to be used in~~
25 ~~calculating student growth funding under this subsection (c).~~

26 ~~(ii)(a) As the fourth quarter average daily~~
27 ~~membership count will not be available until the following school fiscal~~
28 ~~year, the final distribution for each school year shall include one half~~
29 ~~(1/2) of the per student foundation funding for the school district under~~
30 ~~subdivision (a)(2) of this section multiplied by the increase, if any, of the~~
31 ~~school district's quarterly average daily membership for the third quarter of~~
32 ~~the current school year over the average daily membership of the previous~~
33 ~~school year.~~

34 ~~(b) As a result of calculating the~~
35 ~~distribution in subdivision (c)(2)(B)(ii)(a) of this section, either an~~



1 ~~adjustment shall be made in the initial distribution of growth funding for~~
2 ~~the school district in the following school year to be based on the actual~~
3 ~~fourth quarter growth determined in subdivision (c)(2)(A)(i)(d) or the~~
4 ~~school district shall refund the overpayment in growth funding.~~

5 (B) The Department of Education shall:

6 (i) By January 31 of each year:

7 (a) Calculate an amount of student growth
8 funding under subdivision (c)(2)(A) of this section using the quarterly
9 average daily membership for the first quarter and an estimation of the
10 average daily membership for the second, third, and fourth quarters; and

11 (b) Distribute to the school district not less
12 than sixty percent (60%) of the amount calculated under subdivision
13 (c)(2)(B)(i)(a) of this section;

14 (ii) By April 30 of each year, distribute to the
15 school district forty percent (40%) of the amount calculated under
16 subdivision (c)(2)(B)(i)(a) of this section;

17 (iii)(a) By July 31 of each year, calculate the
18 amount of student growth funding under subdivision (c)(2)(A) of this section
19 using the actual quarterly average daily membership for all four (4) quarters
20 of the applicable school year.

21 (C) By August 31 of the fiscal year in which the student
22 growth funding is received, if the amount under subdivision (c)(2)(B)(iii)(a)
23 of this section is:

24 (1) More than the amount under subdivision (c)(2)(B)(i)(a) of
25 this section, the department shall distribute the difference to the school
26 district; or

27 (2) Less than the amount under subdivision (c)(2)(B)(i)(a), the
28 school district shall refund the difference to the department.

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30 /s/ Betts

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32 **APPROVED: 4/14/2009**