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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1911

5 By: Representative C. Armstrong
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO PROVIDE SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING FOR
9 ALTERNATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT HIGH-PRIORITY
10 SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 TO PROVIDE SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING
15 FOR ALTERNATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT
16 HIGH-PRIORITY SCHOOLS.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 *SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. The General Assembly finds that:*

22 *(1) A regional community alternative learning environment center*
23 *is a nonresidential school that serves students with educational limitations*
24 *and deficiencies who are not currently served or are underserved by the*
25 *students' resident school districts;*

26 *(2) The students served by a regional community alternative*
27 *learning environment center come from school districts that have high rates*
28 *of poverty and in which the tax base for the school districts is*
29 *progressively eroded by a declining population;*

30 *(3) By providing transportation funding aid to the school*
31 *districts to transport students to a regional community alternative learning*
32 *environment center, the state provides these students with the opportunity*
33 *to:*

34 *(A) Be successful in school and become prepared for*
35 *gainful employment or completion of training and certification in a career or*
36 *vocational area of study; and*



1 (B) Strengthen family relationships by enabling the
2 student to reside at home.

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4 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 11, Subchapter 2, is amended
5 to add an additional section to read as follows:

6 6-11-209. Transportation funding for students attending a regional
7 community alternative learning environment center.

8 (a)(1) As funding is available, the Department of Education may
9 provide transportation funding aid to school districts that transport
10 students to a regional community alternative learning environment center that
11 serves three (3) or more contiguous counties in which the most recent census
12 indicates:

13 (A) High rates of poverty; or

14 (B) Declining population.

15 (2) The school may also receive funding for transportation under
16 this section from other state agencies, federal agencies, or from private
17 donations.

18 (b) A school district may use the state categorical funding it
19 receives under § 6-20-2305(b)(4) to provide transportation for students who
20 reside in the school district to attend a regional community alternative
21 learning environment center.

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24 /s/C. Armstrong

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27 **APPROVED: 04/22/2013**