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4

As Engrossed: S1/19/17

A Bill

SENATE BILL 23

5 By: Senator B. Johnson
6 By: Representatives Cozart, Cavanaugh
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CHANGE THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS
10 ISOLATED FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO CHANGE THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR SPECIAL
16 NEEDS ISOLATED FUNDING FOR 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 § 6-20-604(c)(3), concerning special needs
23 isolated funding, is amended to read as follows:

24 (3) A density ratio of ~~one and three tenths (1.3)~~ one and five-
25 tenths (1.5) students or less per square mile.
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27 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
28 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that isolated school districts need
29 additional funding to effectively operate their school districts; that the
30 provision of this additional funding is necessary to avoid an interruption of
31 the delivery of educational services; and that this act is immediately
32 necessary to ensure that the additional funding is provided for the upcoming
33 academic year so that the affected school districts can budget accordingly.
34 Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately
35 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall
36 become effective on:



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(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or

(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

/s/B. Johnson