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Amendment Form

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Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 291

"AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - GRANTS AND AID TO LOCAL
SCHOOL DISTRICTS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2009-2010 FISCAL YEAR."

Amendment No. 4 to Senate Bill No. 291.

Amend Senate Bill No. 291 as engrossed, S3/30/09 (version: 03-30-2009 17:15):

Page 7, delete line 21 in its entirety and substitute the following:

"rata basis until the available funds are exhausted. Pro rata basis is defined as providing each district qualifying for additional funding under subsections (c) through (f) a proportionate share based on how each district's additional funding amount bears to the total additional funding amounts for all qualifying districts. If any funding and"

And

Page 7, line 24, delete "a pro rata" and substitute "an equal"

And

Page 13 delete lines 16 through 36 in their entirety

And

Page 14, delete lines 1 through 5 in their entirety and substitute the following:

~~"(a) Regardless of any provision of law to the contrary, beginning with the 2007-2008 school year, no school district shall receive state funding for those students in the district's prior year three quarter average daily membership who were enrolled and attending a public school with an internet, long distance or virtual technology curriculum based program which was not part of a public school district and the public school program was funded by a federal voluntary public school choice grant administered by the Department of Education.~~

~~(b) Prior to July 1, 2007, the Department of Education shall notify the Arkansas State Board of Education of the maximum number of students that the State Board of Education shall allow to enroll and attend any open-~~



~~enrollment charter school that uses internet, long distance or virtual technology as the primary method of teaching. It is the intent of this language that the Department shall not establish and certify a number of students to the State Board of Education that exceeds the number of students for which school districts were not able to receive state funding because of the requirements of paragraph (a). However, to the extent there are any revenue savings caused by the closure of any open enrollment charter school in existence on July 1, 2006, the State Board of Education may increase the maximum number of students allowed to enroll and attend an internet, long-distance or virtual technology open enrollment charter school to the extent the maximum number of students does not exceed five hundred (500) students.~~

~~(c) The provisions of this special language shall not restrict, affect or impair any other provision of law or rule concerning public school districts or public charter schools except as provided in paragraph (a) and (b).~~

(a) Regardless of any provision of any law to the contrary, no internet, long-distance or virtual technology open-enrollment charter school shall receive state funding for more than five hundred (500) students.

(b) Regardless of any provision of law to the contrary, no school district shall receive state funding for the 2009-2010 school year for those students who are included in the district's average daily membership for the previous school year but who are attending any open-enrollment charter school that uses internet, long-distance, or virtual technology as the primary method of teaching."

And

Page 15, delete lines 9 through 11 in their entirety and substitute the following:

"The Arkansas Department of Education shall report on the feasibility of this action to the House and Senate Committees on Education by February 1, 2007 submit this data annually to the National Education Association in accordance with that organization's deadlines for submission for their report "Rankings and Estimates" which includes state-by-state teacher salary comparisons."

And

Add the following new SECTION immediately following SECTION 30 to read as follows:

"SECTION 31. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. STATE FUND RESTRICTIONS. No state funds shall be used for abortion referral in public schools, or for abortion services. Funds shall be expended in accordance with Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-18-703.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010."

And

Appropriately renumber subsequent SECTIONS of the bill.

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____
By: Joint Budget Committee
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LEB189 Secretary