

ARKANSAS SENATE

81st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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Amendment Form

Amendment No. _____ to HOUSE Bill No. 1810

Amend HOUSE Bill No. 1810 as engrossed 4/1/97
by

adding the following new sections immediately after Section 47 to read as follows:

"SECTION 48. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer on his books and those of the State Treasurer the sum of \$2,500,000 each fiscal year of the 1997-99 biennium from the Public School Fund to the Department of Education Fund Account to fund the appropriation authorized in this Act for Assessment/End of Level Testing.

SECTION 49. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Of the total amount appropriated each fiscal year of the 1997-99 biennium for State Equalization Funding, the Department of Education shall allocate funding and distribute an amount not less than \$1,294,000,000 during the 1997-98 fiscal year and an amount not less than \$1,327,600,000 during the 1998-99 fiscal year for State Equalization Funding.

SECTION 50. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Notwithstanding any law pertaining to the transfer of year-end fund balances or any law to the contrary, any funds which remain in the Department of Education Fund Account at the end of a fiscal year shall remain in the Department of Education Fund Account and made available to fund appropriation authorized by law and made payable from the Department of Education Fund Account for the following fiscal year."
and

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by striking Section 53 of the bill in its entirety and substituting therefor:

"SECTION 53. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the Eighty-First General Assembly, that the provisions of Section 50 herein will provide the monies necessary to adequately fund the operations of the Department of Education each fiscal year of the 1997-99 biennium and must be made available for the 1997-98 fiscal year. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, Section 50 of this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its approval by the Governor. If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, Section 50 shall become effective on the expiration date of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, Section 50 shall become effective on the date the last house overrides the veto. The remaining sections of this Act shall become effective from and after July 1, 1997."

and

by appropriately renumbering all sections of the bill.

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