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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 2255

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-20-2305 TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY IN
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH STUDENT CATEGORICAL FUNDING TO PUBLIC
SCHOOL DISTRICTS."

Amendment No. 2 to House Bill No. 2255.

Amend House Bill No. 2255 as engrossed, H3/16/07 (version: 03-16-2007 10:25):

Add Representative Kenney as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Page 4, line 3, delete "(v)(a)" and substitute "(v)"

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Page 4, delete lines 9 and 10

AND

Page 4, delete line 28 and substitute the following:

"subdivision (b)(4)(C)(viii) of this section.

(ix) Beginning with the 2007-2008 school year and each school year thereafter, any school district that used or applied restricted national school lunch student categorical funds as a supplement for salaries of classroom teachers in a school district during the 2006-2007 school year under former § 6-20-2305 (b)(4)(C)(i)(b) [repealed] shall either:

(a) Remove the use of all national school lunch student categorical funds immediately as a supplement to classroom teacher salaries; or

(b) Begin the process of removing the use or application of national school lunch student categorical funds as part of an obligated salary schedule in the following manner:

(1) A school district shall reduce each current school year by twenty percent (20%) the amount of national school lunch student categorical funds received and used by the school district as a supplement to classroom teacher salaries and shall continue this reduction in



the application of national school lunch student categorical funds as a supplement to classroom teacher salaries until the school district has no more than twenty percent (20%) of the total of any current year of all national school lunch student categorical funds received by a school district applied and used as a supplement to classroom teacher salaries for a current school year;

(2) No school district shall be allowed to use or consider reserve or carry forward national school lunch student categorical funds as a supplement to classroom teacher salaries;

(3) The school district shall meet the minimum teacher salary schedule under § 6-17-2403 without using national school lunch student categorical funds;

(4) The school district shall comply with the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools established under The Quality Education Act of 2003, § 6-15-201 et seq. without using national school lunch categorical funds;

(5) The school district shall include with its comprehensive school improvement plan a written detailed narrative or plan concerning how the school district will use its excess national school lunch categorical funds each school year and explaining in detail the amount of funds and percent of total funds to be used to supplement all classroom teacher salaries as allowed in subdivision (b)(4)(C)(ix) of this section;

(6) Upon review of the school district's comprehensive school improvement plan, if the commissioner determines that the school district has met or is meeting the needs of students in the school district for which the funding for additional educational categories under this subdivision (b)(4)(C)(ix), and has prudently managed its resources, the commissioner shall give written approval of the detailed planned flexible use of excess national school lunch student categorical funds provided to the school district; and

(7) Upon review of the school district's comprehensive school improvement plan and other indicators, if the commissioner determines that a school district has not met the needs of students that may be served with national school lunch student categorical funds, the commissioner may require that any and all national school lunch categorical funds dedicated for use or application in the teacher salary fund shall be removed from and not used to meet the classroom teacher salary obligation and redirected and applied to meet the needs of students in a school district.

(x) Each school district shall submit to the Department of Education a report listing each program and purpose upon which funds allocated under this subdivision (b)(4) were expended, the amount expended, and any other information required by the Department of Education concerning the receipt and use of funds allocated under this subdivision (b)(4).

(xi) No provision of subdivision (b)(4)(C)(ix) of this section shall be deemed to prohibit a school district from participating in the provisions of subdivisions (b)(4)(C)(ii) – (viii) of this section.

(xii) The Department of Education shall promulgate rules and develop appropriate reporting forms for use by school districts to comply with subdivisions (b)(4)(C)(i) – (xii) of this section."

The Amendment was read _____
By: Representative Cook
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