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Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 231

"AN ACT TO AMEND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING ACT OF 2003 TO EQUALIZE
THE FUNDING PROVIDED FOR A DISTRICT WITH A GROWING OR DECLINING
ENROLLMENT."

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 231.

Amend Senate Bill No. 231 as engrossed, S2/26/07 (version: 02-26-2007 13:51):

Page 1, delete lines 27 through 36 and substitute the following:

"(19)(A) "Student growth funding" means the amount of state financial aid provided to each school district from funds made available for ~~that purpose~~ the growth in the average daily membership for the school district.

~~(B) For school years 2005-2006 and 2006-2007, student growth funding is calculated as five thousand four hundred dollars (\$5,400) multiplied by the increase, if any, in the school district's two quarter average of the average daily membership of the current school year over the local school district's two quarter average of the average daily membership for the previous school year, excluding any increase resulting solely from consolidation or annexation with another school district;"~~

AND

Page 2, delete lines 1 and 2

AND

Page 2, immediately following SECTION 2, insert the following new section:

"SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(c), concerning isolated funding, student growth funding, and special education-catastrophic occurrences funding, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Isolated funding under § 6-20-601, student growth funding, and special education-catastrophic occurrences funding shall be funded as follows:

(1) Isolated funding and special education-catastrophic occurrences funding shall be allocated and funded to school districts in a line item appropriation within the Public School Fund pursuant to law or rules promulgated by the State Board of Education; and



(2)(A) Student growth funding is calculated as the sum of the following amounts:

(i) One quarter (1/4) of the per student foundation funding for the school district under § 6-20-2305(a)(2) multiplied by the increase, if any, of each of the following:

(a) The school district's quarterly average daily membership for the first quarter of the current school year over average daily membership of the previous school year;

(b) The school district's quarterly average daily membership for the second quarter of the current year over the average daily membership of the previous school year;

(c) The school district's quarterly average daily membership for the third quarter of the current school year over the average daily membership of the previous school year; and

(d) The school district's quarterly average daily membership for the fourth quarter of the current school year over the average daily membership of the previous school year; and

(ii) ~~excluding~~ Excluding any increase resulting solely from consolidation or annexation with another school district.

(B)(i) The State Board of Education shall establish by rule the timing of distributions of student growth funding and the mechanism for determining the quarterly average daily membership to be used in calculating student growth funding under this subsection (c).

(ii)(a) As the fourth quarter average daily membership count will not be available until the following school fiscal year, the final distribution for each school year shall include one half (1/2) of the per student foundation funding for the school district under § 6-20-2305(a)(2) multiplied by the increase, if any, of the school district's quarterly average daily membership for the third quarter of the current school year over the average daily membership of the previous school year.

(b) As a result of calculating the distribution in subdivision (c)(2)(B)(ii)(a) of this section, either an adjustment shall be made in the initial distribution of growth funding for the district in the following school year to be based on the actual fourth quarter growth determined in subdivision (c)(2)(A)(i)(d) or the school district shall refund the overpayment in growth funding."

The Amendment was read _____
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