

ARKANSAS SENATE
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Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 919

"AN ACT TO EQUALIZE FOUNDATION FUNDING FOR SPECIAL NEEDS PUBLIC
SCHOOL DISTRICTS."

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 919.

Amend Senate Bill No. 919 as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 25 delete "~~(f)~~(e)" and substitute "(f)"

AND

Page 2, delete SECTION 2 in its entirety and substitute the following:

"SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-20-604(f) - (i), concerning additional funding for special needs, is amended to read as follows:

(f) A school district shall receive an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the foundation funding received by the school district under § 6-20-2305(a)(2) based on the three-quarter average daily membership of the school district if the district has a:

(1) Three-quarter average daily membership of fewer than five hundred (500) students; and

(2) Density ratio of two (2) students or fewer per square mile.

(g) A school district eligible for special needs funding under this section shall continue to be eligible to receive isolated school funding provided under § 6-20-603 but shall only receive funding under one (1) of the categories established under subsections (c)-(f) ~~in~~ of this section.

(h)(1) A school district eligible to receive isolated funding under § 6-20-603 shall continue to receive partial funding under § 6-20-603 even if part of the isolated schools are closed, but a school district shall not receive funding under § 6-20-603 for any isolated schools or parts thereof that have been closed by the local board of directors.

(2) If part of the isolated schools in a district are closed, the school district shall receive funding under § 6-20-603 based on the three-quarter average daily membership of the isolated schools or parts thereof that remain open in the district.

(i)(1) The provisions of this section are contingent on the appropriation and availability of funding for its purposes.

(2)(A) Undistributed funds under this section and § 6-20-603 allocated to a school district that is no longer eligible to receive the funding shall be distributed on an equal basis to each remaining school



district that is eligible to receive funds under subsections (c) through (e) of this section.

(B) Funds distributed under subdivision (i)(2)(A) of this section shall be used by the school district only for transportation costs of the isolated schools in the school district.

(3) Funding provided under this section is in addition to and in excess of the amount of funds necessary to provide an adequate education as required by the Arkansas Constitution and cannot be relied upon beyond the 2007-2009 biennium."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator Laverty

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Secretary