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Amendment Form

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Subtitle of House Bill No. 1041

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY
EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. 2 to House Bill 1041

Amend House Bill No. 1041 as engrossed H4/16/24 (version: 4/16/2024 4:15:40 PM):

Page 3, line 7, delete "970,000" and substitute "10,470,000"

AND

Page 3, line 32, delete "\$3,449,541,080" and substitute "\$3,459,041,080"

AND

Page 16, immediately following SECTION 24, insert the following:

" SECTION 25. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. HIGH QUALITY INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS. Of the amount appropriated from the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education - Public School Fund for R.I.S.E. Arkansas, up to nine million five hundred thousand dollars (\$9,500,000) may be used for the purchase and distribution of high quality instructional materials in accordance with Arkansas Code § 6-17-429(f).

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

SECTION 26. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND AND EDUCATIONAL ADEQUACY FUND DISTRIBUTION AND FUND BALANCE REPORT.(a) The Department of Education shall submit quarterly a "Division of Elementary and Secondary



Education Public School Fund Distribution and Balance" report to the Arkansas Legislative Council PEER Subcommittee or, if meeting in a Legislative Session, the Joint Budget Committee PEER/Review Subcommittee no later than ten days prior to the Subcommittee's scheduled meeting date.

(1) The report shall summarize the current total fund balance and the past five Fiscal Year ending total fund balances of the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education - Public School Fund.

(2) The report shall contain, cumulatively over the course of the fiscal year, by quarter a summary of the itemized totals distributed from each subfund of the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education - Public School Fund and each subfund shall be organized as restricted or unrestricted in spending purpose.

(b) The Department of Education shall submit monthly an "Educational Adequacy Fund Distribution and Balance" report to the Arkansas Legislative Council PEER Subcommittee or, if meeting in a Legislative Session, the Joint Budget Committee PEER/Review Subcommittee no later than ten days prior to the Subcommittee's scheduled meeting date.

(1) The report shall summarize the current total fund balance and the past five Fiscal Year ending total fund balances of the Educational Adequacy Fund.

(2) The report shall contain the following:

(A) Monthly beginning fund balance;

(B) Monthly Distribution report with total distributions to the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Public School Fund Account and the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Fund Account; and

(C) Amount of certified funding obligation remaining to the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Public School Fund Account and the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Fund Account for the fiscal year.

(c) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

SECTION 27. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6-10-106(a), concerning the first day of the school year for public schools, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1)(A) Each school year, each public school district board of directors and governing entity of an open-enrollment public charter school shall establish by policy the first day of the school year for student attendance in public elementary and secondary schools ~~shall be:~~

~~(i) On or after the Monday of the week in which August 19 falls;~~

~~(ii) Not earlier than August 14; and~~

~~(iii) Not later than August 26.~~

(B) ~~The date for beginning the school year shall be determined by the board of directors of each school district~~ The first day of the school year for student attendance established under subdivision (a)(1)(A) of this section shall ensure compliance with the number of student-teacher interaction days or hours required by the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts established by the State Board of Education.

~~(C)(2)~~ Labor Day shall be celebrated as a school holiday in all the school districts of the state, and school shall not be held on that date.

~~(D)(3)~~ As used in this section, "week" means a seven-day period that begins on a Sunday and ends on a Saturday.

~~(2) The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education may grant a school district a waiver to begin school on an earlier or a later date if the division determines that there exists a material and substantial reason for the school district to begin school on an earlier or a later date due to very exceptional or emergency circumstances such as a contagious disease outbreak, inclement weather, or other acts of God.~~

SECTION 28. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6-10-106(f), concerning the inclusion of make-up days in a public school's academic calendar, is amended to read as follows:

(f) Except as provided under subsection (g) of this section, a school district shall adopt an academic calendar that includes five (5) make-up days, in addition to the number of student-teacher interaction days required by the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts established by the ~~State Board of Education~~ state board, for days unavoidably lost due to exceptional or emergency circumstances resulting from a contagious disease outbreak, inclement weather, or other acts of God."

AND

Appropriately renumber subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____
By: Joint Budget Committee
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Chief Clerk