1	INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2013-040
2	State of Arkansas As Engrossed: H3/21/13
3	89th General Assembly A B1II
4	Regular Session, 2013 HOUSE BILL 1943
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6	By: Representative C. Douglas
7	Filed with: Interim House Committee on Education
8	pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.
9	For An Act To Be Entitled
10	AN ACT TO PROVIDE STATE FUNDING AID FOR STUDENT
11	TRANSPORTATION COSTS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS; TO
12	DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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15	Subtitle
16	TO PROVIDE STATE FUNDING AID FOR STUDENT
17	TRANSPORTATION COSTS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL
18	DISTRICTS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
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21	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23	SECTION 1. Arkansas Code $\S$ 6-20-2305(b)(1), is amended to read as
24	follows:
25	(b)(1) In addition to state foundation funding aid, each school
26	district shall receive funding for additional education categories as
27	provided in subdivisions $\frac{(b)(2)-(5)}{(b)(2)-(6)}$ of this section.
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29	SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(b), concerning additional
30	education categories of state funding for schools, is amended to add an
31	additional subdivision to read as follows:
32	(6) Beginning with the 2013-2014 school year, all student
33	transportation funding provided to a school district over the amount of three
34	hundred nine dollars and ninety cents (\$309.90) under this subchapter shall
35	be distributed as provided under subsection (c) of this section.

1	(c)(1) The Department of Education shall provide to a school district
2	annual state funding for student transportation based on the school
3	district's unfunded student transportation costs based on linear route miles.
4	(2) The department shall develop the funding formula.
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6	SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
7	General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that it is the state's
8	constitutional obligation to provide a general, suitable, and efficient free
9	system of public schools in the state; that many school districts have high
10	student transportation costs and must use a greater amount of foundation
11	funding for student transportation than other school districts; that the
12	student transportation funding and distribution under this act are needed to
13	ensure that proper resources are provided to public schools and school
14	districts under the state's constitutional obligation; and that this act is
15	immediately necessary so that public schools and school districts will
16	receive the amount of funding provided under this act for the 2013-2014
17	school year. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act
18	being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety
19	shall become effective on July 1, 2013.
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21	/s/C. Douglas
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24	Referred by the Arkansas House of Representatives
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