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**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 851

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6 By: Senator Elliott

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8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

9 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

10 AN ACT TO AMEND THE PURPOSES FOR NATIONAL SCHOOL  
11 LUNCH STATE CATEGORICAL FUNDING; TO SUPPORT PUBLIC  
12 SCHOOL PROGRAMS THAT IMPROVE THE HEALTH AND WELL-  
13 BEING OF PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS; AND FOR OTHER  
14 PURPOSES.

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17 **Subtitle**

18 TO AMEND THE PURPOSES FOR NATIONAL SCHOOL  
19 LUNCH STATE CATEGORICAL FUNDING; AND TO  
20 SUPPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL PROGRAMS THAT  
21 IMPROVE THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF  
22 PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS.

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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(b)(4)(C)(i), concerning the  
28 approved purposes for expenditures from national school lunch state  
29 categorical funding, is amended to read as follows:

30 (C)(i)(a) The State Board of Education shall establish by  
31 rule a list of approved programs and purposes for which funds allocated under  
32 this subdivision (b)(4) may be expended and.

33 ~~(b) School school districts shall expend those~~  
34 ~~funds allocated under this subdivision (b)(4) only on the programs or~~  
35 ~~purposes on the State Board of Education's list of approved programs and~~  
36 ~~purposes for which funds allocated under this subdivision (b)(4) may be~~

1 ~~expended, which shall include, but are not limited to:~~ only on programs or  
2 for the purposes on the list.

3 (b) By no later than January 1, 2017, the  
4 State Board of Education's list of approved programs and purposes shall  
5 include the following Category 1 programs:

6 ~~(1) Classroom teachers, provided that~~  
7 ~~the school district meets the minimum salary schedule in § 6-17-2403 without~~  
8 ~~using funds provided under this subdivision (b)(4) and that those teachers~~  
9 ~~are used for the purposes delineated in this subdivision (b)(4);~~

10 ~~(2)(1) Before-school academie programs~~  
11 ~~and after-school academie programs~~ that are either school-based or school-  
12 linked and that use research-informed and innovative strategies to integrate  
13 program content with curriculum frameworks across a variety of subject areas,  
14 including and the transportation to and from the programs;

15 ~~(3)(2) Prekindergarten programs~~  
16 ~~coordinated by the Department of Human Services;~~

17 ~~(4)(3) Tutors, teachers' aides,~~  
18 ~~counselors, social workers, nurses, and curriculum specialists;~~

19 ~~(5) Parent education;~~

20 ~~(6)(4) Summer programs;~~

21 ~~(7) Early intervention programs;~~

22 ~~(8) Materials, supplies, and equipment,~~  
23 ~~including technology used in approved programs or for approved purposes;~~

24 ~~(9) Federal child nutrition programs, to~~  
25 ~~the extent necessary to provide school meals without charge to all students~~  
26 ~~under the United States Department of Agriculture Special Assistance~~  
27 ~~Alternative "Provision 2" program under 42 U.S.C. § 1759a, as it exists on~~  
28 ~~July 1, 2011;~~

29 ~~(10) Federal child nutrition programs,~~  
30 ~~to the extent necessary to provide school meals without charge to students~~  
31 ~~otherwise eligible for reduced-price meals under the United States Department~~  
32 ~~of Agriculture's National School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program;~~

33 ~~(11)(5) Expenses directly related to~~  
34 funding a longer school day that uses one (1) or more of the positive youth  
35 development program activities identified under § 6-5-904(f)(4);

1 ~~(12)~~(6) Expenses directly related to  
2 funding a longer school year;

3 ~~(13)~~(7) ~~Partnering~~ Partnerships with  
4 local institutions of higher education to remediate students while those  
5 students are still in high school so that the students are college and career  
6 ready upon graduation from high school;

7 ~~(14)~~ ~~Teach For America~~ professional  
8 development;

9 ~~(15)~~(8) ~~Implementing~~ Implementation of  
10 components of the Arkansas Advanced Initiative for Math and Science, Inc.;

11 ~~(16)~~(9) College and Career Coaches  
12 Program, as administered by the Department of Career Education under § 6-1-  
13 601 et seq.; ~~and~~

14 ~~(17)~~(10) Implementation a school-wide  
15 evidence-based program intended to close achievement gaps with an arts-  
16 infused curriculum;

17 (11) School health clinics for students  
18 and student services personnel who serve low-income students;

19 (12) Implementation of positive behavior  
20 intervention and support programs; and

21 (13) Technology that is used solely by  
22 students participating in a science, technology, engineering, and math  
23 initiative approved by the Department of Education in which participation by  
24 national school lunch students in a school is at or above the rate of  
25 participation by all students in the school.

26 (c) By no later than January 1, 2017, the  
27 state board's list of approved programs and purposes shall include without  
28 limitation the following Category 2 programs:

29 (1) Classroom teachers, provided that  
30 the school district meets the minimum salary schedule in § 6-17-2403 without  
31 using funds provided under this subdivision (b)(4) and that those teachers  
32 are used for the purposes delineated in this subdivision (b)(4);

33 (2) Parent education;

34 (3) Early intervention programs;

35 (4) Materials, supplies, and equipment,  
36 including technology used in approved programs or for approved purposes;

1                   (5) Federal child nutrition programs, to  
2 the extent necessary to provide school meals without charge to all students  
3 under the United States Department of Agriculture Special Assistance  
4 Alternative "Provision 2" program under 42 U.S.C. § 1759a, as it existed on  
5 July 1, 2013;

6                   (6) Federal child nutrition programs, to  
7 the extent necessary to provide school meals without charge to students  
8 otherwise eligible for reduced-price meals under the United States Department  
9 of Agriculture's National School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program;

10                   (7) Teach For America professional  
11 development; and

12                   (8) Implementing a school-wide evidence-  
13 based program intended to close achievement gaps, including without  
14 limitation, a program with an arts-infused curriculum.

15                   (d) Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year,  
16 a school district shall annually spend:

17                   (1) Sixty percent (60%) or more of the  
18 school district's national school lunch state categorical funding remaining  
19 for use after any permissible transfers on one (1) or more of the Category 1  
20 programs under subdivision (b)(4)(C)(i)(b) of this section; or

21                   (2)(A) If a school in the district is  
22 identified by the Department of Education as a focus school, priority school,  
23 or school in academic distress, seventy-five percent (75%) or more of the  
24 school district's national school lunch state categorical funding allocated  
25 to the school on one (1) or more of the Category 1 programs under subdivision  
26 (b)(4)(C)(i)(b) of this section.

27                   (B) For the purpose of this  
28 subdivision (b)(4)(C)(i)(d)(2), a school district shall allocate to each  
29 school in the school district a prorated amount of the school district's  
30 national school lunch state categorical funding based on the national school  
31 lunch student population in each school.

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33           SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(b)(4)(D)(i), concerning a school  
34 district report on the expenditure of national school lunch state categorical  
35 funds, is amended to read as follows:

