

General Assembly
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Representative Wade

HOUSE BILL 1173

"AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO WAIVE FOR TWO YEARS THE MINIMUM SCHOOL STANDARDS FOR SCHOOLS WHICH HAVE LEVIED INCREASED MILLAGES AND MADE OTHER EFFORTS TO MEET THE STANDARDS BUT WHICH ARE NOW UNABLE TO MEET THE STANDARDS BECAUSE OF A REDUCTION IN STATE AID; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. When any school district proves to the State Board of Education that it has increased its school millage during 1985 or 1986, or both, and has made other efforts to meet the minimum school standards prescribed by the Board, but is unable to meet the standards as a result of the reduction in State aid to the school district, the State Board of Education shall waive for a two year period the minimum school standards as they apply to that school district.

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. Emergency. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that some school districts have made every effort to meet the minimum school standards, but that as a result of the reduction in State aid to the school districts they are not unable to meet the standards through local efforts; that in such instances the school standards should be temporarily waived for such school districts; that unless the standards are waived those school districts face consolidation; that such result is inequitable and fundamentally unfair; and that this Act should be given immediate effect in order to avoid irreversible damage to some school districts in this State. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to

exist and this Act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

