

State of Arkansas

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SENATE BILL 617

By: Senators Bradford and Nelson

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS STATUTE 80-850.13(e)(1) PERTAINING TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF STATE AID TO SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Paragraph (1) of subsection (e) of Section 4 of Act 34 of the First Extraordinary Session of 1983, as amended, the same being Arkansas Statute 80-850.13(e)(1), is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(1) In order to temper the losses to districts who may not qualify for an amount of aid under the provisions of this Act that is equal to or greater than that qualified for in the 1983-84 school year, a phased in approach for such losses shall be used. In the 1983-84 and 1984-85 school years, no school district shall receive less state aid under the provisions of this Act than the total of the state aid that the district was scheduled (projected) to receive from the Public School Fund programs identified in Section 3 of this Act in the school year 1983-84, and which were based on notices given to the school districts at the beginning of the 1983-84 school year by the Department of Education, General Division and Vocational Division. In 1985-86, any district that qualifies for less state aid than was scheduled (projected) to be received from the Public School Fund programs identified in Section 3 of this Act in 1983-84 shall receive an amount of state aid equal to that for which it qualifies plus ninety percent (90%) of the difference between the amount received in 1983-84 and that for which it qualifies in 1985-86. In 1986-87, 1987-88 and 1988-89, each district that qualifies for less state aid than that scheduled (projected) to be received in 1983-84 shall be allocated the amount for which it qualifies plus seventy-five percent (75%) of the difference between its scheduled (projected) 1983-84 state aid and the amount qualified for.

In 1989-90, each district qualifying for less than the amount of state aid scheduled (projected) to be received in 1983-84 shall be allocated the amount for which it qualifies plus fifty percent (50%) of the difference between the state aid scheduled (projected) to be received in 1983-84 and that for which it qualifies. Beginning with the 1990-91 school year, and each year thereafter, each district shall be allocated only the amount of state aid for which it qualifies."

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

