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For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-20-302 (2) RELATING TO THE
DEFINITION OF 'WEIGHTED AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP' FOR THE
PURPOSE OF THE SCHOOL FINANCE ACT OF 1984; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 6-20-302 (2) is hereby amended to read as
follows:

"(2) 'Weighted average daily membership (WADM)' means the average
daily membership plus the 'add-on' weights for special education, vocational
education, gifted and talented education, and small schools.

(A) Students evaluated as special education students in accordance
with regulations promulgated by the Department of Education shall be given
add-on weights in the following amounts for each type of setting in which
services are received:

Itinerant	.40
Resource Room	.85
Self-Contained (Ratio of 1-15)	.70
Self-Contained (Ratio of 1-10)	1.10
Special School, Day	2.35
Special School, Residential	3.10

(B) Vocational programs shall be divided into four (4) groups.
Group 1 shall include career orientation and cooperative programs except those

involving handicapped students. Group 2 shall include coordinated career education, consumer and homemaking education, and exploratory programs in all occupational areas. Group 3 shall include skill training programs in all occupational areas. Group 4 shall include exceptionally high cost skill training programs limited to electronics, welding, machine shop, industrial equipment mechanics, and metal trades. Weighting for programs approved by the Vocational and Technical Education Division shall be as follows:

	SERVICE HOUR	FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT
Group 1	.067	.40
Group 2	.083	.50
Group 3	.100	.60
Group 4	.150	.90

(C) When a home district sends students to an approved vocational center, funds shall be transmitted by the home district to the vocational center during the year instruction is provided on the same schedule through which the home district receives its Minimum Foundation Program Aid from the Department of Education or on some alternate schedule approved by the Vocational and Technical Education Division. These funds shall equal two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per half-time equivalent student (three (3) periods) during school year 1985-86 for tuition and one hundred percent (100%) of the funds generated by add-on weights. The tuition shall increase to three hundred dollars (\$300) per half-time equivalent student for the school year 1986-87 and shall, for school years thereafter, be determined by the State Board of Vocational Education after an analysis of the impact of charging tuition on vocational centers enrollments. Each school district participating in a vocational center shall submit to the Vocational and Technical Education Division by April 10 of each year the number of students enrolled in the current school year. The Vocational and Technical Education Division shall use current enrollments to determine the number of add-ons to be certified, by April 25 of each year, to the General Education Division which is used for the computation of state aid.

(D) (i) School districts with fewer than three hundred sixty (360) students in average daily membership the previous year shall be given add-on weights based on the following formula with the ADM being that of the previous

year:

ADM (360-ADM) = Add-On Weight for the District

600

(D) (ii) Districts qualifying for add-on weights under this provision shall be allowed seventy-five percent (75%) of the add-on weights for which the district qualifies.

(E) School districts which operate, either individually or as a part of a cooperative of districts, an approved educational program for gifted and talented students shall receive funds for the operation of the program based on an add-on weight of twenty-five hundredths (.25) for each of its students identified as being gifted or talented in accordance with criteria approved by the State Board of Education. The number of gifted and talented students for which add-on weights are granted through 1990-91 shall not exceed five percent (5%) of the district's ADM in the previous school year. The total amount of funding for development and operation shall not exceed six million dollars (\$6,000,000) during 1984-85;"

SECTION 2. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 3. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

