

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2163

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 "AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT A HIGH COST TRANSPORTATION FUNDING
11 FORMULA; TO REPEAL ARKANSAS CODE § 6-20-219; TO DECLARE AN
12 EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."
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Subtitle

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15 "AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT A NEW HIGH COST
16 TRANSPORTATION FORMULA."
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

19 SECTION 1. Title.

20 This act shall be known and may be cited as "The High Cost
21 Transportation Funding Act of 1997."
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23 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-20-219 shall be repealed.

24 ~~6-20-219 State transportation aid funds -- Operation of certain~~
25 ~~school buses prohibited.~~

26 ~~(a) The State Board of Education is authorized to formulate rules and~~
27 ~~regulations for the administration of State Transportation Aid funds for the~~
28 ~~public schools of Arkansas.~~

29 ~~(b) Such regulations shall provide for a minimum of seventy dollars~~
30 ~~(\$70.00) and a maximum of not more than two hundred eighty dollars (\$280) of~~
31 ~~annual aid per average child transported under the pupil aid section of the~~
32 ~~transportation aid formula which shall be paid to each school district~~
33 ~~operating a transportation program, provided, that in the event the State~~
34 ~~Transportation Aid funds during any fiscal year are inadequate to pay each~~
35 ~~school district the full amount of transportation aid according to the~~
36 ~~regulations of the State Board of Education, the board shall make a percentage~~

1 ~~reduction in the aid payable to the school district.~~

2 ~~—— (c) Computation of annual aid per average child transported shall~~
3 ~~include students in grades kindergarten through twelve (12).~~

4 ~~—— (d)(1) Any school district which owns or operates any school bus~~
5 ~~manufactured prior to April 1, 1977, shall cease operating such bus as a~~
6 ~~regular route bus prior to the beginning of the 1993-94 school year and shall~~
7 ~~cease to operate such bus for any purpose prior to the beginning of the 1995-~~
8 ~~96 school year. For purposes of this section "regular route bus" means a bus~~
9 ~~that is regularly scheduled to transport students to and from school.~~

10 ~~—— (2) The State Board of Educations shall withhold all~~
11 ~~transportation aid due a district found in violation of this section until~~
12 ~~such time as noncomplying school buses are replaced.~~

13 ~~—— (e)(1) Any state transportation aid funds distributed to a school~~
14 ~~district under this section shall be used by the district only for those~~
15 ~~purposes as enumerated by the State Board of Education as permitted uses of~~
16 ~~state transportation aid.~~

17 ~~—— (2) Any balance of state transportation aid funds on hand in any~~
18 ~~school district at the end of any biennium shall be returned to the State~~
19 ~~Department of Education for deposit in the state transportation aid formula~~
20 ~~unless a waiver is granted for the purchase of a school bus by the department.~~

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22 SECTION 3. Title 6, Chapter 20 of the Arkansas Code Annotated is
23 amended by adding a Subchapter 17 to read as follows:

24 "6-20-1701. Title.

25 The title of the subchapter shall be "The High Cost Transportation
26 Funding Formula Act of 1997".

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28 6-20-1702. Definitions

29 As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

30 (1) Activity bus means a bus which is used to transport students for
31 participation in activities sanctioned by the Arkansas Activities Association
32 or other extracurricular activities sanctioned by the school district.

33 (2) Approved Transportation Unit means a school bus meeting all state
34 and federal safety standards for school bus construction and certified by the
35 manufacturer as a school bus. The school bus must be assigned to a regular
36 school bus route for transporting students to and from the public schools

1 during the regular school term. To qualify for state aid the bus must have a
2 capacity of at least eleven (11) students. All approved transportation units
3 shall be in good repair, sanitary, and in safe operating condition as
4 indicated by regular maintenance and safety inspections.

5 (3) Area means the number of square miles of land within the school
6 district boundary lines computed to the nearest whole section.

7 (4) Assigned school means the school site where a student receives
8 most of his/her academic instruction.

9 (5) Average Daily Membership (ADM) means the total number of days
10 attended plus the total number of days absent by students in grades
11 kindergarten through twelve (K-12) during the first three (3) quarters of each
12 school year, divided by the number of school days actually taught in the
13 district during that period of time rounded up to the nearest hundredth.

14 (6) Average Daily Transported (ADT) means the average number of
15 students transported daily in Kindergarten through Grade 12 (K-12). ADT is
16 based on the average of the first three quarters of the previous school year
17 rounded up to the nearest hundredth. Students eligible to be counted as the
18 average daily transported include resident students attending school within
19 the district and residing two route miles or more from their respective
20 assigned schools, legally transferred students under Arkansas Code Annotated §
21 6-18-316, school choice students under Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-18-206, and
22 tuition agreement students.

23 (7) Bus Seating Capacity means the rated seating capacity (indicating
24 the maximum number of persons to be accommodated) as designated by the
25 manufacturer.

26 (8) Density means the area in square miles of the school district
27 divided into the average daily transported in grades Kindergarten through 12
28 (K-12) rounded up to the nearest tenth.

29 (9) Disaster Aid means transportation aid payable to a school district
30 due to a natural or man-made disaster that causes a school district to re-
31 route one or more approved transportation units so that additional miles are
32 incurred above the previously established route for a minimum of twenty (20)
33 school days in which affected students are actually transported.

34 (10) Feeder Bus means a bus used to transport students from their home
35 to the bus line where they board an approved transportation unit. No
36 transportation aid shall be allowed for a feeder bus.

1 (11) Fleet Seating Capacity means the number approved transportation
2 units, by bus seating capacity, times the bus seating capacity of each
3 respective unit(s).

4 (12) Legally Transferred Students means students granted transfers
5 under Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-18-316.

6 (13) Previous year means the school year immediately preceding the
7 school year in which funds authorized by this chapter are allocated.

8 (14) Resident Student means students in grades Kindergarten through 12
9 (K-12) living within the local school district.

10 (15) Route means an established regular course of travel used daily by
11 approved transportation units for the purpose of moving students to and from
12 their assigned school.

13 (16) School Choice Students means students attending a public school
14 in a district other than the one in which the student resides pursuant to
15 Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-18-206.

16 (17) Shuttle Bus means a bus not used on the daily route, but used to
17 shuttle students from one school to another. Shuttle buses shall not be
18 counted for aid purposes as an approved transportation unit.

19 (18) Spare Bus means a bus that is held in reserve, an additional, or
20 extra bus which shall not be counted in the number approved for aid purposes
21 as an approved transportation unit.

22 (19) Special Units means a sixteen (16) passenger to eleven (11)
23 passenger school bus meeting all state and federal safety standards.

24 (20) Tuition agreement students means students attending school
25 outside the resident district under a written tuition agreement between the
26 resident district and the receiving district.

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28 6-20-1703. Calculation of Transportation Aid.

29 A local school district's base aid is determined by adding the school
30 district's student aid and depreciation allowance using the Worksheet for
31 Transportation in Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-20-1716 and the formula
32 components set forth in Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-20-1704.

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34 6-20-1704. Calculation of Transportation Aid Components.

35 (a) Calculation of Average Daily Transported

36 (1) Average daily transported may include resident students who

1 reside two route miles or more from their assigned schools. Districts may
2 count students who live in this area even if private transportation is
3 provided for these students, as long as a school bus is operated by the
4 district for the potential transportation of these students. The school
5 district must determine whether a student lives outside or within the two mile
6 distance for each assigned school using an established bus route.

7 (2) Average daily transported may include legally transferred
8 students, School Choice students, and tuition agreement students. However, a
9 legally transferred student, a School Choice student, or a tuition agreement
10 student may only be counted for average daily transported if the district
11 actually transports this student. Under Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-18-206,
12 if both the resident district and the receiving district provide
13 transportation to a legally transferred student, a School Choice student, or a
14 tuition agreement student, both districts may count this student on their
15 average daily transported calculation.

16 (3) Average daily transported may not include students living
17 within the two mile distance of the assigned schools using an established bus
18 routes, even if students are picked up at courtesy bus stops within the two
19 mile distance.

20 (4) In order to verify average daily transported, all school
21 districts must keep accurate records indicating:

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23 (i) The number of students who live outside the two route
24 mile distance from their assigned school.

25 (ii) The bus in which students identified in subsection
26 (a)(4)(I) are transported.

27 (iii) The distance which students identified in subsection
28 (a)(4)(I) live from the assigned school as measured by an established bus
29 route.

30 (iv) All legally transferred students who are transported.

31 (v) All School Choice students who are transported.

32 (vi) All tuition agreement students who are transported.

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34 (b) Calculation of Student Aid.

35 Student Aid is determined by multiplying the districts average daily
36 transported times the rate per student pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated §

1 6-20-1715.

2 (c) Calculation of depreciation allowance.

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4 (1) Total depreciation allowance is determined by summing the
5 following: for each category of bus seating capacity of approved
6 transportation units, multiply the number of approved transportation units
7 times the allowable depreciation.

8 (2) To determine the number of approved transportation units for
9 the current school year, use the number of approved transportation units
10 operated in the previous year. Approved transportation units that run a
11 double or triple run are counted as one unit.

12 (3) Activity buses, feeder buses, shuttle buses, and spare buses
13 shall not be included for aid purposes.

14 (4) Approved transportation units may qualify for a depreciation
15 allowance based on bus seating capacity as follows:

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<u>Bus Seating Capacity</u>	<u>Allowance per Unit</u>
<u>83</u>	<u>\$4,100</u>
<u>77</u>	<u>\$3,800</u>
<u>71</u>	<u>\$3,500</u>
<u>65</u>	<u>\$3,200</u>
<u>59</u>	<u>\$3,100</u>
<u>53</u>	<u>\$3,000</u>
<u>47</u>	<u>\$2,900</u>
<u>41</u>	<u>\$2,800</u>
<u>35</u>	<u>\$2,700</u>
<u>23</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>
<u>Special Units</u>	<u>\$2,400</u>

30 (d) District's base aid amount

31 The district's base aid is determined by adding the total student aid
32 and the total depreciation allowance,

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34 6-20-1705. Modification of transportation aid

35 (a) Base aid shall be modified by applying two (2) factors to
36 the district's base aid:

1 (1) Minimum Base Aid, and

2 (2) Maximum Base Aid.

3 (b) The sum of base aid, as adjusted by subsection (a), handicapped
4 aid, and disaster aid shall be further modified by application of the high
5 cost transportation adjustment factor.

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7 6-20-1706. Minimum Transportation Aid.

8 (a) The minimum amount of base aid for which a district may qualify is
9 determined by comparing the fleet seating capacity and maximum eligible
10 average daily transported.

11 (b) Maximum eligible average daily transported is the average daily
12 transported times one and two tenths (1.2).

13 (c) If the maximum eligible average daily transported is less than the
14 fleet seating capacity:

15 (1) Multiply the number of approved transportation units
16 (excluding special units) times the maximum eligible average daily
17 transported, including any adjustments for annexation and/or consolidation,
18 and divide by the fleet seating capacity.

19 (2) Multiply the result in subsection (c)(1) times nine thousand
20 two hundred dollars (\$9,200) and add the total base aid for special units.

21 (d) If the maximum eligible average daily transported is greater than
22 the fleet seating capacity:

23 (1) Multiply the number of approved transportation units
24 (excluding special units) times nine thousand two hundred dollars (\$9,200) and
25 add the base aid for special units.

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27 6-20-1707. Maximum Base Aid.

28 (a) The maximum amount of base aid for which a district may qualify is
29 determined by comparing the fleet seating capacity and the maximum eligible
30 average daily transported.

31 (b) If the maximum eligible average daily transported is less than the
32 fleet seating capacity:

33 (1) Multiply the number of approved transportation units
34 (excluding special units) times the maximum eligible average daily
35 transported, including any adjustments for annexation and/or consolidation and
36 divide by the fleet seating capacity.

1 (2) Multiply the result from subsection (b)(1) times fourteen
2 thousand eight hundred dollars (\$14,800) and add the base aid for special
3 units.

4 (c) If the maximum eligible average daily transported is more than the
5 fleet seating capacity:

6 (1) Multiply the number of approved transportation units
7 (excluding special units) times fourteen thousand eight hundred dollars
8 (\$14,800) and add the base aid for special units.

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10 6-20-1708. Application of minimum and maximum adjustment factors.

11 (a) A school district may not qualify for less base aid than the
12 minimum base aid, and it may not qualify for more than the maximum base aid.

13 (b) The adjusted base aid for which a district is qualified for shall
14 be:

15 (1) the school district's base aid if the base aid is less than
16 the maximum base aid calculated under 6-20-1707 and greater than the minimum
17 base aid calculated in 6-20-1706; or

18 (2) the minimum base aid calculated under 6-20-1706, if the
19 school district's base aid amount is less than its minimum base aid; or

20 (3) the maximum base aid calculated under 6-20-1707, if the
21 school district's base aid amount is more than the maximum base aid.

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23 6-20-1709. High Cost Transportation Adjustment Factor.

24 (a) Total transportation aid shall be adjusted by application of the
25 high cost transportation factor as follows:

26 (1) Multiply the high cost transportation factor, to be
27 determined annually by the State Department of Education, times the average
28 daily membership of the district.

29 (2) Subtract the result in subsection (a)(1) from the sum of
30 adjusted base aid pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-20-1708, handicapped
31 aid and disaster aid on the Transportation Worksheet in Arkansas Code
32 Annotated § 6-20-1716.

33 (b) Workshop Aid shall be provided exclusive of the high cost
34 transportation adjustment.

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36 6-20-1710. Workshop Aid.

1 (a) In addition to the total amount of approved aid, a district shall
2 be entitled to workshop aid.

3 (b) Workshop aid shall be calculated as follows:

4 (1) Seventy dollars (\$70) will be paid to the school district for
5 each qualified route driver, substitute driver and/or activity driver employed
6 by the school district who attends the State Department of Education sponsored
7 in-service workshop. To qualify for the seventy dollars (\$70), attendees
8 shall hold a valid Class "A", "B", "C", or "D" drivers license with a "P"
9 (passenger) endorsement. Payment shall be made from an instructors' sign in
10 sheet containing name and license number.

11 (2) Three hundred fifty dollars (\$350) will be paid to the school
12 district for each school bus mechanic who attends the annual workshop for
13 mechanics sponsored by the State Department of Education.

14 (3) Resident districts or host districts that furnish instructors
15 for the in-service program shall be reimbursed for all expenses incurred in
16 the school bus driver training program. Instructors shall receive seven
17 dollars (\$7) per qualified attendee, mileage at the current state allowable
18 rate and any related documented expenses associated with the in-service
19 program for bus drivers. Instructors will be paid one hundred fifty dollars
20 (\$150) for conducting a beginning school bus drivers workshop for schools.
21 All school bus safety instructors shall be employed full time by a
22 public/state educational institution. Payment is made during the current year
23 of instruction.

24 (4) Documented expenses for five (5) Arkansas Association of
25 Student Transportation Officers will be paid to the Southeastern States Pupil
26 Transportation Conference in July of each year. An officer elected at the
27 yearly meeting who cannot attend shall not be replaced with a substitute and
28 the attendance option shall be forfeited that year.

29 (5) Documented expenses for six (6) delegates to the National
30 Minimum School Bus Standards Conference will be paid. This conference,
31 conducted every five (5) years, established the standards for operational and
32 mechanical specifications for school buses nationwide. All delegates shall be
33 employed full time by a public school system and active in the school
34 transportation program. All delegates shall be approved by the Director of
35 the State Department of Education.

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1 6-20-1711. Handicapped Aid.

2 (a) In addition to the total amount of adjusted base aid, a district
3 shall be entitled to Handicapped Aid.

4 (b) Handicapped aid is determined by multiplying three hundred dollars
5 (\$300) times the number of school buses used primarily for transporting
6 children with disabilities.

7 (c) For each unit used primarily for transporting children with
8 disabilities, the district may receive an additional two hundred dollars
9 (\$200) for each school bus equipped with a wheel chair lift. For each student
10 requiring specialized transportation according to their Individualized
11 Education Plan (IEP), the district may receive an additional twenty-five
12 dollars (\$25) for each eligible student.

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14 6-20-1712. Annexation/Consolidation Incentive

15 (a) A transportation incentive factor will be allowed for school
16 districts annexing or consolidating. This incentive factor shall assume that
17 all students of annexed or consolidated school districts are eligible to be
18 transported until actual average daily transported can be determined. To
19 calculate this incentive factor, the average daily membership of the non-
20 transported students shall be added to the average daily transported before
21 completing the Transportation Worksheet in Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-20-
22 1716. Once actual average daily transported can be determined, an adjustment
23 may be made in average daily transported.

24 (b) In the event a consolidation or annexation occurs during the school
25 year, an adjustment in the average daily transported may be made at the time
26 such event occurs.

27 (c) On any additional approved transportation units used to transport
28 the new average daily transported, pursuant to subsection (a), depreciation
29 will be allowed in the same manner as on all other approved transportation
30 units.

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32 6-20-1713. Disaster Aid.

33 (a) Districts may apply for disaster aid by completing an application
34 with written documentation of the natural or man-made disaster and returning
35 it to the State Department of Education.

36 (b) Disaster aid must be claimed during the school year in which the

1 disaster occurred.

2 (c) Disaster aid is payable during the school year the disaster occurs
3 or exists in, and such aid is payable for a maximum of the current school year
4 or until the temporary rerouting of the school bus ceases.

5 (d)(1) The State Department of Education will calculate disaster aid by
6 taking eighty-five percent (85%) of the state average cost per mile times the
7 additional miles added to the bus route.

8 (2) The state average cost per mile will be calculated using data
9 from the previous year. The state average cost will include all expenditures
10 from the previous year less any insurance settlement.

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12 6-20-1714. Miscellaneous Provision.

13 (a) Transportation aid deductions shall be made for those schools
14 having less than the required number of school days as prescribed by the
15 Educational Standards. Deductions shall be made as follows: approved state
16 aid divided by the required number of days equals aid per day. Aid per day
17 times the number of days not in attendance equals deductions for a shortened
18 school year. No deductions will be made if a waiver is granted by the State
19 Department of Education on the number of days in attendance.

20 (b) The State Department of Education may deny transportation aid on
21 children who are transported beyond a reasonable distance in cases where such
22 children can be satisfactorily accommodated to an approved school nearer their
23 residence. However, the State recognizes and supports that some districts may
24 choose to bus students greater distances to achieve further desegregation.
25 Superintendents are urged to survey conditions and propose agreements between
26 districts in keeping with sound administration and economy in the use of
27 public school funds.

28 (c) The following penalties shall be assessed against districts:

29 (1) No transportation aid shall be granted to any district if the
30 proper officials do not make such reports as are required for participation.

31 (2) An indication of an inaccurate report may be the basis for an
32 investigation by the State Department of Education.

33 (3) Base aid shall be withheld on any approved transportation
34 unit found operating in violation of the minimum standards as adopted by the
35 State Board of Education.

36 (d)(1) Any state transportation aid funds distributed to a school

1 district under this section shall be used by the district only for those
 2 purposes as enumerated by the State Board of Education as permitted uses of
 3 state transportation aid.

4 (2) Any balance of state transportation aid funds on hand in any
 5 school district at the end of any biennium shall be returned to the State
 6 Department of Education for deposit in the state transportation aid formula
 7 unless a waiver is granted for the purchase of a school bus by the department.

8 (e) The State Board of Education is authorized to formulate rules and
 9 regulations for the administration of funds distributed under this subchapter
 10 for high cost transportation.

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12 6-20-1715. Density Chart

<u>Density</u>	<u>Rate per</u> <u>Student</u>	<u>Density</u>	<u>Rate per</u> <u>Student</u>	<u>Density</u>	<u>Rate per</u> <u>Student</u>
<u>0.1</u>	<u>\$265.12</u>	<u>3.1</u>	<u>\$212.32</u>	<u>6.1</u>	<u>\$159.52</u>
<u>0.2</u>	<u>\$263.36</u>	<u>3.2</u>	<u>\$210.56</u>	<u>6.2</u>	<u>\$157.76</u>
<u>0.3</u>	<u>\$261.61</u>	<u>3.3</u>	<u>\$208.80</u>	<u>6.3</u>	<u>\$156.00</u>
<u>0.4</u>	<u>\$259.84</u>	<u>3.4</u>	<u>\$207.04</u>	<u>6.4</u>	<u>\$154.24</u>
<u>0.5</u>	<u>\$258.08</u>	<u>3.5</u>	<u>\$205.28</u>	<u>6.5</u>	<u>\$152.48</u>
<u>0.6</u>	<u>\$256.32</u>	<u>3.6</u>	<u>\$203.52</u>	<u>6.6</u>	<u>\$150.72</u>
<u>0.7</u>	<u>\$254.56</u>	<u>3.7</u>	<u>\$201.76</u>	<u>6.7</u>	<u>\$148.96</u>
<u>0.8</u>	<u>\$252.80</u>	<u>3.8</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>	<u>6.8</u>	<u>\$147.20</u>

<u>0.9</u>	<u>\$251.04</u>	<u>3.9</u>	<u>\$198.24</u>	<u>6.9</u>	<u>\$145.44</u>
<u>1.0</u>	<u>\$249.28</u>	<u>4.0</u>	<u>\$196.48</u>	<u>7.0</u>	<u>\$143.68</u>
<u>1.1</u>	<u>\$247.52</u>	<u>4.1</u>	<u>\$194.72</u>	<u>7.1</u>	<u>\$141.92</u>
<u>1.2</u>	<u>\$245.76</u>	<u>4.2</u>	<u>\$192.96</u>	<u>7.2</u>	<u>\$140.16</u>
<u>1.3</u>	<u>\$244.00</u>	<u>4.3</u>	<u>\$191.20</u>	<u>7.3</u>	<u>\$138.40</u>
<u>1.4</u>	<u>\$242.24</u>	<u>4.4</u>	<u>\$189.44</u>	<u>7.4</u>	<u>\$136.64</u>
<u>1.5</u>	<u>\$240.48</u>	<u>4.5</u>	<u>\$187.68</u>	<u>7.5</u>	<u>\$134.88</u>
<u>1.6</u>	<u>\$238.72</u>	<u>4.6</u>	<u>\$185.92</u>	<u>7.6</u>	<u>\$133.12</u>
<u>1.7</u>	<u>\$236.96</u>	<u>4.7</u>	<u>\$184.16</u>	<u>7.7</u>	<u>\$131.36</u>
<u>1.8</u>	<u>\$235.20</u>	<u>4.8</u>	<u>\$182.40</u>	<u>7.8</u>	<u>\$129.60</u>
<u>1.9</u>	<u>\$233.44</u>	<u>4.9</u>	<u>\$180.64</u>	<u>7.9</u>	<u>\$127.84</u>
<u>2.0</u>	<u>\$231.68</u>	<u>5.0</u>	<u>\$178.88</u>	<u>8.0</u>	<u>\$126.08</u>
<u>2.1</u>	<u>\$229.92</u>	<u>5.1</u>	<u>\$177.12</u>	<u>8.1</u>	<u>\$124.32</u>
<u>2.2</u>	<u>\$228.16</u>	<u>5.2</u>	<u>\$175.36</u>	<u>8.2</u>	<u>\$122.56</u>
<u>2.3</u>	<u>\$226.40</u>	<u>5.3</u>	<u>\$173.60</u>	<u>8.3</u>	<u>\$120.80</u>

<u>2.4</u>	<u>\$224.64</u>	<u>5.4</u>	<u>\$171.84</u>	<u>8.4</u>	<u>\$119.04</u>
<u>2.5</u>	<u>\$222.88</u>	<u>5.5</u>	<u>\$170.08</u>	<u>8.5</u>	<u>\$117.28</u>
<u>2.6</u>	<u>\$221.12</u>	<u>5.6</u>	<u>\$168.32</u>	<u>8.6</u>	<u>\$115.52</u>
<u>2.7</u>	<u>\$219.36</u>	<u>5.7</u>	<u>\$166.56</u>	<u>8.7</u>	<u>\$113.76</u>
<u>2.8</u>	<u>\$217.60</u>	<u>5.8</u>	<u>\$164.80</u>	<u>8.8</u>	<u>\$112.00</u>
<u>2.9</u>	<u>\$215.84</u>	<u>5.9</u>	<u>\$163.04</u>	<u>8.9</u>	<u>\$110.24</u>
<u>3.0</u>	<u>\$214.08</u>	<u>6.0</u>	<u>\$161.28</u>	<u>9.0</u>	<u>\$108.48</u>

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6-20-1716. Transportation Worksheet.
HIGH COST TRANSPORTATION AID
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1. Average Daily Transported

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2. Area

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3. Density (ADT divided by Area)

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4. Rate per Student (from A.C.A. 6-20-1715)

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5. Student Aid (Rate per Student times ADT)

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6. Depreciation Allowance:

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Seating	30	No.	45	Capacity	
Capacity	31	Units	46	of Fleet	
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83	33		48		
77	34		49		
71	35		50		
65	36		51		
59	37		52		
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47	39		54		
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35	41				
23	42				
Special	43				
TOTALS:	44				
	60		65	\$3,500	70
	61	Allowance	66	\$3,200	71
	62	\$4,400	67	\$3,100	72
	63	\$4,100	68	\$3,000	73
	64	\$3,800	69	\$2,900	74
				Allowance:	75
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11	<u>7. Student aid plus total depreciation allowance</u>	_____
12	<u>8. Minimum Aid</u>	_____
13	<u>9. Maximum Aid</u>	_____
14	<u>10. Total Aid qualified for (between lines 8 and 9)</u>	_____
15	<u>11. Handicapped Aid:</u>	
16	<u>a. No. Buses @ \$300 each</u>	_____
17	<u>b. Wheel Chair Lifts @ \$200 each</u>	_____
18	<u>c. Children with disabilities @ \$25 each</u>	_____
19	<u>12. Disaster Aid.</u>	_____
20	<u>13. High Cost Adjustment Factor</u>	_____
21	<u>14. Total Transportation Aid</u>	_____
22	<u>(line 10 plus line 11 plus line 12 minus line 13)</u>	_____
23	<u>15. Workshop Aid.</u>	_____
24	<u>16. Total Approved Aid (line 13 plus line 14)</u>	_____

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26 SECTION 4. Transportation Funding Commission

27 (a) There shall be established a School Transportation Funding

28 Commission to study issues concerning high cost student transportation.

29 (b) The Commission shall consist of:

30 (1) The Director of General Education, or his designee;

31 (2) Representative from Arkansas Association of Educational

32 Administrators;

33 (3) Representative from the Arkansas School Boards Association;

34 (4) Representative from the Arkansas Educators Association;

35 (5) Representative from the Arkansas Association of Pupil

36 Transportation Officers;

37 (6) Five (5) superintendents of Public Schools chosen by the

38 Director of General Education;

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40 (7) Two (2) Members of the House of Representatives appointed by the

41 Speaker; and

42 (8) Two (2) members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro

43 Tempore.

44 (c) The Commission shall file a report with its findings to the

45 Arkansas General Assembly by December 30, 1998.

46 (d) The Commission shall include in its report proposed legislation to

47 maintain, supplement or replace the "High Cost Transportation Funding Act of

48 1997."

49 (e) The State Department of Education shall set aside sixty thousand

50 dollars (\$60,000) per annum for the Commission. These funds shall be used for

51 supplies, copies, and Professional Service Contracts, including data analysis,

52 as the Director of General Education may see fit.

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54 SECTION 5. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature

55 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code

56 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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58 SECTION 6. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to

59 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect

60 other provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this act

61 are declared severable.

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63 SECTION 7. General Repealer. All laws and parts of laws in conflict

64 with this Act are hereby repealed.

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66 SECTION 8. EMERGENCY. It is found and determined by the General

67 Assembly that the effectiveness of this act on July 1, 1997, is essential to

1 the operation of the school districts that may qualify to receive high cost
2 transportation funding, and that in the event of an extension of the Regular
3 Session any delay in the effective date of this act beyond July 1, 1997, could
4 work irreparable harm to the school districts and to the efficient operation
5 of the Department of Education. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist
6 and this act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
7 peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July
8 1, 1997.

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/s/Baker et al