

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to law as it existed prior to the 82nd General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 82nd General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 1999  
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As Engrossed: H3/3/99  
**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1296

5 By: Representative P. Malone  
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN ANY AREA IS DECLARED A  
10 NATURAL DISASTER AREA, SCHOOL DISTRICTS THEREIN WILL  
11 NOT LOSE STATE EQUALIZATION FUNDING FOR THAT YEAR OR  
12 THE NEXT YEAR; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

13 **Subtitle**

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15 DECLARED A NATURAL DISASTER AREA, SCHOOL  
16 DISTRICTS THEREIN WILL NOT LOSE STATE  
17 EQUALIZATION FUNDING FOR THAT YEAR OR  
18 THE NEXT YEAR."  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. When any county in the State of Arkansas is declared a  
24 disaster declaration area by the Federal Emergency Management Administration,  
25 the school districts that experienced loss of students due to the disaster,  
26 and are located within that county, shall receive funding. The school  
27 district shall be responsible for requesting these funds and for providing  
28 documentation required by the Department of Education. The school district is  
29 required to document the loss in enrollment specifically due to the disaster.  
30 Funding shall be provided for two years, based on the loss in revenues from  
31 the loss in average daily membership in the first year subsequent to the  
32 natural disaster as compared to the year in which the natural disaster  
33 occurred. Funding shall be calculated each fiscal year, with each qualifying  
34 school district receiving either full reimbursement or a pro-rata share of the  
35 total funds available. A school district may not receive funds for both a  
36 loss in students due to a natural disaster and for a loss in revenues due to a

1 loss in students. These funds shall be distributed in accordance with rules  
2 and regulations promulgated by the Department of Education.

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

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8 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
9 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
10 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
11 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
12 act are declared to be severable.

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14 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
15 hereby repealed.

16 /s/ P. Malone  
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