

1 State of Arkansas  
2 82nd General Assembly  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 679

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5 By: Senator Critcher  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-20-306 TO PREVENT THE  
10 LOSS OF ANY STATE EQUALIZATION FUNDING OR ANY OTHER  
11 CATEGORY OF STATE FUNDING WHEN A COMPANY OR INDUSTRIAL  
12 PLANT CLOSES RESULTING IN THE LOSS OF ONE HUNDRED  
13 (100) OR MORE JOBS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR  
14 OTHER PURPOSES. "

## Subtitle

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17 "TO PREVENT THE LOSS OF ANY STATE  
18 EQUALIZATION FUNDING WHEN A COMPANY OR  
19 INDUSTRIAL PLANT CLOSES RESULTING IN THE  
20 LOSS OF ONE HUNDRED (100) OR MORE JOBS. "

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

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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-20-306 is amended to read as follows:  
26 "6-20-306. School funding.

27 (a)(1) Beginning with the 1996-97 school year, the Department of  
28 Education shall provide from available funds, the following school funding  
29 categories, in the priorities listed, to local school districts:

- 30 (A) Category 1. State equalization funding per student;  
31 (B) Category 2. Student classroom teacher funding;  
32 (C) Category 3. Student unit funding; and  
33 (D) Category 4. Student needs funding.

34 (2) No subsequent category of funding shall receive any funding  
35 until each prior category is fully funded.

36 (b) If any category of funding, excluding category 1, is only partially

1 funded, each local school district shall receive a pro rata share. However, if  
2 the General Assembly determines that any element of category 3 or 4 needs to  
3 be funded before full funding of any preceding category is achieved, then that  
4 subset of either category 3 or category 4 shall be funded exclusive of the  
5 previously-listed categories.

6 (c) When a company or industrial plant closes resulting in the loss of  
7 one hundred (100) or more jobs, the school districts within the county or  
8 within a twenty-five (25) mile radius of the closing company or industrial  
9 plant shall not lose any state equalization funding, any student classroom  
10 teacher funding, any student unit funding, any student needs funding, or any  
11 other category of state funding for the year during which the closing occurs  
12 or for the following year."

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

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18 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
19 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
20 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
21 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
22 act are declared to be severable.

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

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27 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the  
28 Eighty-second General Assembly that when an industrial plant closes within a  
29 community, people lose their jobs and move their families and children from  
30 the community, that school districts have certain fixed costs which cannot be  
31 reduced immediately, and that it is necessary to provide school districts  
32 which are impacted with industrial plant closings, and the resulting loss of  
33 school children, a period of transition time to plan for cost reductions.  
34 Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately  
35 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall  
36 become effective on the date of its approval by the Governor. If the bill is

1 neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become effective on the  
2 expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill.  
3 If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall  
4 become effective on the date the last house overrides the veto.

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