

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 84th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2003

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2124

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5 By: Representative Lamoureux
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO ASSIST IN
10 ADDRESSING EDUCATION ADEQUACY FOR THE DEPARTMENT
11 OF EDUCATION FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE
12 30, 2005; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
16 APPROPRIATION TO ASSIST IN ADDRESSING
17 EDUCATION ADEQUACY FOR THE 2003-2005
18 BIENNIUM.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION – EDUCATION ADEQUACY. There is hereby
25 appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Adequate
26 Education Fund, for grants and aids to local school districts to assist in
27 addressing various areas identified by the Arkansas Supreme Court in its
28 ruling the Arkansas education system is neither equitable nor adequate, for
29 the biennial period ending June 30, 2005, the following:
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ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
NO.	2003-2004	2004-2005
(01) ADEQUATE EDUCATION EXPENSES - GRANTS		
AND AIDS TO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS	\$ 37,500,000	\$ 37,500,000

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36 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS



1 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ADEQUATE
 2 EDUCATION EXPENSES – GRANT AND AIDS TO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS. The grants
 3 and aids to local school districts appropriation authorized by this act shall
 4 be used for but not limited to, increasing teacher salaries, maintenance and
 5 operation, including improvements and construction of school facilities,
 6 improving student performance on the American College Test, increasing the
 7 number of high school graduates, improving student proficiency, and improving
 8 student computer use and technology in the classroom.

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 10 SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized
 11 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds
 12 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the
 13 restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and
 14 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
 15 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
 16 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
 17 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
 18 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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 20 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
 21 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
 22 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
 23 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
 24 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
 25 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
 26 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or
 27 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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 29 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
 30 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
 31 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the
 32 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2003 is essential to the operation of
 33 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
 34 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
 35 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2003 could work irreparable harm upon the
 36 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.

Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2003.

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