

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.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2773

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5 By: Representative Mahony
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8
9 AN ACT PERTAINING TO ISOLATED SCHOOL DISTRICTS;
10 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 AN ACT PERTAINING TO ISOLATED SCHOOL
14 DISTRICTS.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-20-603 is amended to read as follows:
20 6-20-603. Continued support of isolated school districts.

21 (a) Upon the effective date of consolidation, annexation, or
22 reorganization, the following school districts that received isolated funding
23 in the 2003-2004 school year shall become isolated school areas for the sole
24 purpose of receiving isolated funding and shall have a per student isolated
25 funding amount as follows:
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County	School District	Per Student Isolated Funding Amount
Column A	Column B	Column C
Van Buren	Alread	2,219
Desha	Arkansas City	2,040
Randolph	Biggers-Reyno	763
Miller	Bright Star	916
Marion	Bruno Pyatt	329
Dallas	Carthage	1,938
Independence	Cord-Charlotte	235



1	Woodruff	Cotton Plant	733
2	Crittenden	Crawfordsville	642
3	Newton	Deer	853
4	Greene	Delaplaine	215
5	Desha	Delta Special	952
6	Nevada	Emmet	307
7	Sharp	Evening Shade	115
8	Ashley	Fountain Hill	339
9	Yell	Fourche Valley	1,603
10	Arkansas	Gillett	1,000
11	Lincoln	Gould	765
12	Lincoln	Grady	560
13	Polk	Hatfield	42
14	Monroe	Holly Grove	868
15	Arkansas	Humphrey	328
16	Union	Huttig	668
17	Cleveland	Kingsland	394
18	Madison	Kingston	661
19	Phillips	Lake View	1,054
20	Searcy	Leslie	628
21	Lawrence	Lynn	782
22	Columbia	McNeil	329
23	Union	Mount Holly	898
24	Newton	Mount Judea	622
25	Izard	Mount Pleasant	225
26	Johnson	Oark	1,576
27	Montgomery	Oden	671
28	Saline	Paron	733
29	Yell	Plainview-Rover	297
30	Franklin	Pleasant View	679
31	Randolph	Randolph County	444
32	Lawrence	River Valley	106
33	Stone	Rural Special	788
34	Searcy	Saint Joe	727
35	Madison	Saint Paul	123
36	Hempstead	Saratoga	1,407

1	Van Buren	Scotland	1,841
2	Dallas	Sparkman	487
3	Ouachita	Stephens	1
4	Stone	Stone County	367
5	Jackson	Swifton	458
6	Columbia	Taylor	353
7	Howard	Umpire	2,152
8	Union	Union	45
9	Columbia	Walker	819
10	Newton	Western Grove	375
11	Cleburne	Wilburn	978
12	Sharp	Williford	475
13	Washington	Winslow	494

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15 (b) Beginning with the 2004-2005 school year and each school year
 16 thereafter, state financial aid in the form of isolated funding shall be
 17 provided to school districts containing an isolated school area in an amount
 18 equal to the prior year three (3) quarter average daily membership of the
 19 school or schools in the isolated school area multiplied by the per student
 20 isolated funding amount for the isolated school areas as set forth under
 21 column "C" of subsection (a) of this section.

22 (c) No school district may receive isolated funding under this section
 23 for an isolated school area if the prior year three (3) quarter average daily
 24 membership of the school or schools in the isolated school area exceeds three
 25 hundred fifty (350).

26 (d) A school district receiving isolated funding for an isolated
 27 school area shall expend the funds solely for the operation, maintenance, and
 28 support of the school or schools in the isolated school area.

29 (e) No school district or isolated school area which may qualify under
 30 other law to receive additional state aid because its average daily
 31 membership is less than three hundred fifty (350) shall be eligible to
 32 receive funding under this section except that a district qualifying under
 33 other law for such aid and qualifying for funds under this section may elect
 34 to receive funds under this section in lieu of aid under other.

35 (f) For the purposes of this section, school districts with isolated
 36 school areas shall account for the average daily membership of all schools

1 located in the isolated school area as required by the Department of
2 Education and shall submit reports as required by the department.

3 (g) The department shall distribute isolated funding under this
4 section in two (2) payments per school year.

5 (h) This section does not determine a school district's qualification
6 as an isolated school under § 6-20-601 as required to prohibit the closing of
7 an isolated school in § 6-20-602.

8 (i) The State Board of Education may promulgate rules as necessary for
9 the proper implementation of this section.

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11 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
12 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that some or parts of isolated
13 schools may be closed; that schools need to enter into contracts, retain
14 staff, and schedule classes prior to the beginning of the school year; and
15 that this act is immediately necessary to provide funding for isolated
16 schools for the 2005-2006 school year. Therefore, an emergency is declared
17 to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the
18 public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

19 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

20 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
21 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
22 bill; or

23 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
24 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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