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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1003

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND FOUNDATION FUNDING FOR THE 2005-
10 2006 SCHOOL YEAR; TO AMEND THE FOUNDATION FUNDING
11 FOR THE 2006-2007 SCHOOL YEAR FOLLOWING
12 COMPLETION OF AN ADEQUACY STUDY IN SEPTEMBER
13 2006; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 THE 2005-2006 SCHOOL YEAR; TO AMEND THE
17 FOUNDATION FUNDING FOR THE 2006-2007
18 SCHOOL YEAR FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF AN
19 ADEQUACY STUDY IN SEPTEMBER 2006.
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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 § 6-20-2305(a), concerning foundation funding
26 for a public school district, is amended to read as follows:

27 (a)(1) For each school year, a school district shall receive state
28 foundation funding aid computed as the difference between the foundation
29 funding amount pursuant to subdivision (a)(2) of this section and the sum of
30 ninety-eight percent (98%) of the uniform rate of tax multiplied by the
31 property assessment of the school district plus seventy-five percent (75%) of
32 miscellaneous funds of the school district.

33 (2)(A) For the 2005-2006 school year, the foundation funding
34 amount is equal to ~~five thousand four hundred dollars (\$5,400)~~ five thousand
35 four hundred eighty-six (\$5,486) multiplied by the average daily membership
36 of the previous school year.



1 (B) For the 2006-2007 school year, the foundation funding
2 amount is equal to five thousand four hundred ninety-seven dollars (\$5,497)
3 or an amount adopted by the General Assembly following completion of the
4 adequacy study in September 2006 multiplied by the average daily membership
5 of the previous school year.

6 (3)(A) For the 2005-2006 school year, the foundation funding
7 amount provided under subdivision (a)(2)(A) of this section shall be
8 increased by forty-two dollars (\$42.00) multiplied by the district's average
9 daily membership for the previous school year to pay for increased school
10 district costs resulting from the 2005-2006 increase in the employer's rate
11 of contribution to the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System from thirteen
12 percent (13%) to fourteen percent (14%).

13 (B) For the 2006-2007 school year, any adjustment to the
14 foundation funding amount provided under subdivision (a)(2)(B) that relates
15 to the employer's rate of contribution to the Arkansas Teacher Retirement
16 System shall be determined by the General Assembly following completion of
17 the adequacy study in September 2006

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19 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
20 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the Arkansas Supreme Court
21 found that the public school funding system continues to be inadequate and
22 the public schools are operating under a constitutional infirmity which must
23 be corrected immediately; that to correct the constitutional infirmity and to
24 provide adequate funding for public education, the amount of foundation
25 funding for school districts shall be revised; and that this act is necessary
26 to allow the Department of Education and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
27 State sufficient time to make all necessary adjustments, calculations, and
28 distributions. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act
29 being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety
30 shall become effective on:

- 31 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;
- 32 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
33 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
34 bill; or
- 35 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
36 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.