

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 1726

5 By: Representatives Kenney, Abernathy  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT IN CONCORDANCE WITH THE 2006 ACT 57 STUDY;  
10 TO ASSIST SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH THE TRANSITION  
11 BETWEEN LEVELS OF CATEGORICAL FUNDING FOR  
12 NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH STUDENTS BY PROVIDING A  
13 METHOD OF TRANSITIONAL FUNDING DURING A THREE-  
14 YEAR PERIOD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

18 AN ACT TO ASSIST SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH  
19 THE TRANSITION BETWEEN LEVELS OF  
20 CATEGORICAL FUNDING FOR NATIONAL SCHOOL  
21 LUNCH STUDENTS BY PROVIDING A METHOD OF  
22 TRANSITIONAL FUNDING DURING A THREE-YEAR  
23 PERIOD.  
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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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28 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. ACT 57 COMPLIANCE.

29 The General Assembly declares this act to be in concordance with the  
30 study of the state's system of public education conducted in 2006 by the  
31 Adequacy Study Oversight Subcommittee, the Senate Interim Committee on  
32 Education, and the House Interim Committee on Education in compliance with  
33 Act 57 of the Second Extraordinary Session of 2003.  
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35 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(b)(4)(B), concerning categorical  
36 funding for national school lunch students, is amended to read as follows:



1 (B)(i) Funding under this subdivision (b)(4) for national  
2 school lunch students shall be based on the percentage determined in § 6-20-  
3 2303(12) multiplied by the number of the previous school year's enrolled  
4 students.

5 (ii) Beginning with the 2007-2008 school year, for  
6 school districts that are to receive funding under this subdivision (b)(4)  
7 based on a different percentage than the preceding school year as determined  
8 in § 6-20-2303(12), the funding shall be paid or reduced in three (3) equal  
9 amounts over a three-year period following the year in which a school  
10 district's number of national school lunch students:

11 (a) Meets, exceeds, or falls below ninety  
12 percent (90%); or

13 (b) Meets, exceeds, or falls below seventy  
14 percent (70%) but is less than ninety percent (90%).

15 (iii)(a) The Department of Education shall establish  
16 rules to implement the transitional funding provided in subdivision  
17 (b)(4)(B)(ii) of this section.

18 (b) The rules shall include a method of  
19 transitional funding for a school district that both falls below and exceeds  
20 a funding level identified in subdivision (b)(4)(A) of this section within a  
21 three-year period.

22 (iv) Under no circumstances shall a school district  
23 be entitled to receive more or less funding as a result of the transitional  
24 process than the school district is otherwise entitled to receive under  
25 subdivision (b)(4) of this section based on the school district's national  
26 school lunch student population as a percentage of the school district's  
27 entire student population.

28 ~~(ii)(a)(v)(a)~~ A school district that has experienced  
29 a significant growth in enrolled students in the previous three (3) years  
30 shall receive funding for the expected increase in the number of national  
31 school lunch students based on the expected increase in enrolled students  
32 based on the levels of funding provided in this section for national school  
33 lunch students.

34 (b) The State Board of Education shall  
35 establish rules to be used by the Department of Education to determine:

36 (1) The amount of growth necessary to

1 qualify as significant growth;

2 (2) The expected increase in the number  
3 of national school lunch students based on the expected increase in enrolled  
4 students; and

5 (3) Which school districts have  
6 experienced a significant growth in enrolled students as necessary to qualify  
7 for funding under this subdivision (b)(4)(B)(ii).

8 (c) The Department of Education shall not be  
9 required to adjust or fund a school district's national school lunch students  
10 based on the current year's number of national school lunch students enrolled  
11 in the district or the average growth of students in the district.

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13 /s/ Kenney, et al

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