

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

SENATE BILL 231

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For An Act To Be Entitled

11 AN ACT TO AMEND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING ACT OF
12 2003 TO EQUALIZE THE FUNDING PROVIDED FOR A
13 DISTRICT WITH A GROWING OR DECLINING ENROLLMENT;
14 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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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 § 6-20-2303(19), concerning school district
26 growth funding, is amended to read as follows:

27 (19)(A) "Student growth funding" means the amount of state financial
28 aid provided to each school district from funds made available for ~~that~~
29 purpose the growth in the average daily membership for the school district.

30 ~~(B) For school years 2005-2006 and 2006-2007, student~~
31 ~~growth funding is calculated as five thousand four hundred dollars (\$5,400)~~
32 ~~multiplied by the increase, if any, in the school district's two-quarter~~
33 ~~average of the average daily membership of the current school year over the~~
34 ~~local school district's two-quarter average of the average daily membership~~
35 ~~for the previous school year, excluding any increase resulting solely from~~
36 ~~consolidation or annexation with another school district;~~



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2 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(a)(3), concerning funding for
3 districts with declining enrollment, is amended to read as follows:

4 (3)(A)(i) ~~During the 2006-2007 school year, a~~ A school district ~~with an~~
5 ~~average daily membership that is less than the school district's previous~~
6 ~~year's average daily membership~~ experiencing declining enrollment shall
7 receive:

8 ~~(i) (a) Declining enrollment funding equal to the~~
9 ~~difference between the average of the two (2) immediately preceding years'~~
10 ~~average daily memberships and the average daily membership for the previous~~
11 ~~school year multiplied by five thousand six hundred twenty dollars (\$5,620)~~
12 based on the difference between the average daily membership of the previous
13 year and the average of the average daily membership for the two (2) previous
14 years, using the first three (3) quarter average for each of the three (3)
15 years prior to the year in which the aid is distributed, multiplied by the
16 per-pupil foundation funding for the current school year as provided under
17 subsection (a)(2) of this section; or

18 ~~(ii)(b) Special needs isolated funding under § 6-20-~~
19 ~~604.~~

20 (ii) A district may not receive declining enrollment
21 funding and student growth funding in the same fiscal year.

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23 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(c), concerning isolated funding,
24 student growth funding, and special education-catastrophic occurrences
25 funding, is amended to read as follows:

26 (c) Isolated funding under § 6-20-601, student growth funding, and
27 special education-catastrophic occurrences funding shall be funded as
28 follows:

29 (1) Isolated funding and special education-catastrophic
30 occurrences funding shall be allocated and funded to school districts in a
31 line item appropriation within the Public School Fund pursuant to law or
32 rules promulgated by the State Board of Education; and

33 (2)(A) Student growth funding is calculated as the sum of the
34 following amounts:

35 (i) One quarter (1/4) of the per student foundation
36 funding for the school district under § 6-20-2305(a)(2) multiplied by the

1 increase, if any, of each of the following:

2 (a) The school district's quarterly average
3 daily membership for the first quarter of the current school year over
4 average daily membership of the previous school year;

5 (b) The school district's quarterly average
6 daily membership for the second quarter of the current year over the average
7 daily membership of the previous school year;

8 (c) The school district's quarterly average
9 daily membership for the third quarter of the current school year over the
10 average daily membership of the previous school year; and

11 (d) The school district's quarterly average
12 daily membership for the fourth quarter of the current school year over the
13 average daily membership of the previous school year; and

14 (ii) ~~excluding~~ Excluding any increase resulting
15 solely from consolidation or annexation with another school district.

16 (B)(i) The State Board of Education shall establish by
17 rule the timing of distributions of student growth funding and the mechanism
18 for determining the quarterly average daily membership to be used in
19 calculating student growth funding under this subsection (c).

20 (ii)(a) As the fourth quarter average daily membership
21 count will not be available until the following school fiscal year, the final
22 distribution for each school year shall include one half (1/2) of the per
23 student foundation funding for the school district under § 6-20-2305(a)(2)
24 multiplied by the increase, if any, of the school district's quarterly
25 average daily membership for the third quarter of the current school year
26 over the average daily membership of the previous school year.

27 (b) As a result of calculating the
28 distribution in subdivision (c)(2)(B)(ii)(a) of this section, either an
29 adjustment shall be made in the initial distribution of growth funding for
30 the district in the following school year to be based on the actual fourth
31 quarter growth determined in subdivision (c)(2)(A)(i)(d) or the school
32 district shall refund the overpayment in growth funding.

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34 /s/ Laverty
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