

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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Subtitle

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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*
28 *financial aid provided to each school district from funds made available for*
29 *~~that purpose~~ the growth in the average daily membership for the school*
30 *district.*

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



1 ~~consolidation or annexation with another school district;~~

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

5 (3)(A) ~~During the 2006-2007, school year, a~~ A school district
6 ~~with an~~ that has experienced a decline in average daily membership over the
7 two (2) immediately preceding school years that is less than the school
8 district's previous year's average daily membership shall receive:

9 (i) Declining enrollment funding equal to the
10 difference between the average of the two (2) immediately preceding years'
11 average daily memberships and the average daily membership for the previous
12 school year multiplied by ~~five thousand six hundred twenty dollars (\$5,620)~~
13 the amount of foundation funding set forth in subdivision (a)(2) of this
14 section; or

15 (ii) Special needs isolated funding under § 6-20-
16 604.

17 (B) Any funding appropriated and available for declining
18 enrollment funding under subdivision (a)(3)(A)(i) of this section or special
19 needs isolated funding under § 6-20-604 that is not distributed under
20 subdivision (a)(3)(A) of this section shall be prorated and distributed
21 equally per average lost student to school districts that meet the
22 qualifications for both declining enrollment funding under subsection
23 (a)(3)(A)(i) of this section and special needs isolated funding under § 6-20-
24 604.

25 (C) No school district shall receive both declining
26 enrollment funding under subdivision (a)(3)(A)(i) of this section and student
27 growth funding under § 6-20-2305(c).

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

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

35 (1) Isolated funding and special education-catastrophic
36 occurrences funding shall be allocated and funded to school districts in a

1 line item appropriation within the Public School Fund pursuant to law or
2 rules promulgated by the State Board of Education; and

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

5 (i) One quarter (1/4) of the per student foundation
6 funding for the school district under § 6-20-2305(a)(2) multiplied by the
7 increase, if any, of each of the following:

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

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

14 (c) The school district's quarterly average
15 daily membership for the third quarter of the current school year over the
16 average daily membership of the previous school year; and

17 (d) The school district's quarterly average
18 daily membership for the fourth quarter of the current school year over the
19 average daily membership of the previous school year; and

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

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

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

33 (b) As a result of calculating the
34 distribution in subdivision (c)(2)(B)(ii)(a) of this section, either an
35 adjustment shall be made in the initial distribution of growth funding for
36 the district in the following school year to be based on the actual fourth

1 quarter growth determined in subdivision (c)(2)(A)(i)(d) or the school
2 district shall refund the overpayment in growth funding.

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