

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.

1 State of Arkansas
2 87th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2009

A Bill

SENATE BILL 862

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5 By: Senator Broadway
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING AMOUNTS; TO
9 PROVIDE RESOURCES FOR EDUCATIONAL ADEQUACY; AND
10 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

12 TO AMEND PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING AMOUNTS.
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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 § 6-20-2305(a)(2), concerning state aid for
20 public school funding, is amended to read as follows:

21 (2)(A) For the ~~2007-2008~~ 2009-2010 school year, the foundation
22 funding amount is equal to ~~five thousand seven hundred nineteen dollars~~
23 ~~(\$5,719)~~ five thousand nine hundred five dollars (\$5,905) multiplied by the
24 school district's average daily membership for the previous school year.

25 (B) For the ~~2008-2009~~ 2010-2011 school year, the
26 foundation funding amount is equal to ~~five thousand seven hundred eighty nine~~
27 ~~dollars (\$5,789)~~ six thousand twenty-three dollars (\$6,023) multiplied by the
28 school district's average daily membership for the previous school year.

29 (C)(i) In accordance with the state's desire to foster
30 educational excellence, in addition to the amounts determined by the General
31 Assembly to be constitutionally adequate pursuant to subdivisions (a)(2)(A)
32 and (B) of this section, and in addition to the funds distributed to school
33 districts pursuant to subdivisions (a)(2)(A) and (B) of this section+

34 ~~(a) For the 2007-2008 school year, each school~~
35 district shall receive an amount equal to fifty-one dollars (\$51.00) thirty-
36 five dollars (\$35.00) multiplied by the school district's average daily



1 membership for the previous school year; ~~and~~

2 ~~(b) For the 2008-2009 school year, an~~
3 ~~additional thirty six dollars (\$36.00) multiplied by the school district's~~
4 ~~average daily membership for the previous school year, which when added to~~
5 ~~the funding under subdivision (a)(2)(C)(i)(a) of this section represents an~~
6 ~~approximate total for the 2008-2009 school year of eighty seven dollars~~
7 ~~(\$87.00) per average daily membership.~~

8 (ii) The Department of Education shall distribute
9 the additional funding provided by this subdivision (a)(2)(C)+

10 ~~(a) Shall be distributed by the Department of~~
11 ~~Education~~ in eleven (11) monthly payments from funds appropriated by law and
12 available for distribution as state foundation funding aid, ~~and~~

13 ~~(b) (iii) Shall be known as "Enhanced~~
14 ~~Educational Funding".~~ The General Assembly has determined that ~~Enhanced~~
15 ~~Educational Funding~~ the funding provided by this subdivision (a)(2)(C), which
16 is known as "Enhanced Educational Funding", is in addition to, and in excess
17 of, the amount of funds necessary to provide an adequate education as
18 required by the Arkansas Constitution.

19 (iv) The Enhanced Educational Funding is available
20 from a combination of fortunate economic factors, conservative budgeting of
21 all state government, and the favorable forecast of state revenues. As a
22 result, the enhanced component of Enhanced Educational Funding cannot be
23 ensured and may not be relied on beyond the ~~2007-2009 biennium~~ 2009-2010
24 school year.