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A Bill

SENATE BILL 979

By: Senator Crumbly

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ALLOW THE RESULTING OR RECEIVING DISTRICT
IN AN ADMINISTRATIVE REORGANIZATION OF HIGH-
PRIORITY SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE
HIGH-PRIORITY DISTRICT FINANCIAL INCENTIVES; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ALLOW THE RESULTING OR RECEIVING
DISTRICT IN A REORGANIZATION OF HIGH-
PRIORITY SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO CONTINUE TO
RECEIVE HIGH-PRIORITY DISTRICT FINANCIAL
INCENTIVES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-811(a)(1)(A) is amended to read as follows:

(A)(i) "High-priority district" means a public school district:
~~(i)(a)~~ In which eighty percent (80%) or more
of public school students are eligible for the free or reduced-price lunch
program under the National School Lunch Act based on the October 1 student
count of the previous year submitted to the Department of Education; and
~~(ii)(b) That~~ Except as provided by subdivision
(a)(1)(A)(ii) of this section, that had a three-quarter average daily
membership in the previous year of one thousand (1,000) or fewer students~~+~~.
(ii) A resulting school district in a consolidation
or a receiving district in an annexation shall continue to receive the



1 funding provided under this section if each public school district in the
2 consolidation or annexation was previously a high-priority district even if
3 the average daily membership of the resulting or receiving district is one
4 thousand (1,000) or higher.

5 (iii) By April 1 of each year, the State Board of
6 Education shall determine the school districts that qualify as high-priority
7 districts of the state;