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## A Bill

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SENATE BILL 648

## By: Senator Laverty

## For An Act To Be Entitled

an act to ensure that isolated school funding follows THE STUDENT WHEN AN ISOLATED SCHOOL AREA IS PART OF A CONSOLIDATION OR ANNEXATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

> Subtitle
> TO ENSURE THAT ISOLATED SCHOOL FUNDING FOLLOWS THE STUDENT AFTER A CONSOLIDATION OR ANNEXATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-20-603(c), concerning isolated school funding, is amended to read as follows:
(c)(1) Except as provided under subdivision (c)(2), A a school district may not receive isolated funding under this section for an isolated school area if the prior year's three-quarter average daily membership of the isolated school area exceeds three hundred fifty (350).
(2) A school district is entitled to receive the funding under this section for an isolated school area received by the school district in:
(A) A consolidation under § 6-13-1401 et seq. or § 6-131601 et seq.; or
(B) An annexation under § 6-13-1401 et seq. or § 6-13-1601 et seq.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-20-604(d), concerning special needs isolated school funding, is amended to read as follows:
(d)(l) A school district meeting the requirements of subsection (b) of this section shall receive an additional amount equal to fifteen percent ( $15 \%$ ) of the foundation funding received by the school district under § 6-202305(a)(2) for the operation of the isolated school areas if the school district has:
(1)(A) School facilities open for kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) in two (2) or more isolated schools meeting the requirements of subsection (b) of this section and meeting the requirements of § 6-20-601 and if both isolated schools were annexed under § 6-13-1601 et seq.;
(2)(B) A three-quarter average daily membership of five hundred one (501) to one thousand (1,000) in the preceding school year; and (3)(C) A density ratio of one and four-tenths (1.4) students or less per square mile.
(2) A school district with a three-quarter average daily membership of one thousand one $(1,001)$ or greater is entitled to receive the funding under this section for an isolated school area received by the school district in:
(A) A consolidation under § 6-13-1401 et seq. or § 6-13-

1601 et seq.; or
(B) An annexation under § 6-13-1401 et seq. or § 6-13-1601 et seq.

