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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 756

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO PLACE LIMITS ON THE AMOUNT AND DURATION OF  
9 CARRYOVER CATEGORICAL FUNDS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

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12 TO PLACE LIMITS ON THE AMOUNT AND  
13 DURATION OF CARRYOVER CATEGORICAL FUNDS.  
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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(b), concerning categorical fund  
20 carryover, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

21 (6)(A) A school district's year-end categorical fund balance for  
22 each category listed in subdivisions (b)(2)-(5) of this section shall not  
23 exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the sum of funds distributed in a categorical  
24 fund during the current school year plus all carryover funds in a categorical  
25 fund from the previous school year without first obtaining the written  
26 approval of the carryover amount in excess of fifteen percent (15%) from the  
27 Commissioner of Education or his or her designee.

28 (B) The department shall prepare an annual report known as  
29 Categorical Fund Carryover Variance Report, which shall include without  
30 limitation:

31 (i) The name of each school district that has  
32 applied for a carryover variance;

33 (ii) All carryover variances approved by the  
34 commissioner or his or her designee;

35 (iii) The rationale for approving each carryover  
36 variance;



1                   (iv) The student achievement for categorical fund  
2 students in each school district that has been granted a carryover variance;  
3 and

4                   (v) The carryover balance in each categorical fund  
5 in each school district that has been granted a carryover variance.

6                   (C) The department shall submit annually the Categorical  
7 Fund Carryover Variance Report to the Governor, the House Committee on  
8 Education, the Senate Committee on Education, and the Commission on Closing  
9 the Achievement Gap in Arkansas.

10                   (D) Funds provided to a school district under the American  
11 Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 shall not be included in the  
12 categorical fund balance for the carryover calculation under subdivision  
13 (b)(6)(A) of this section.

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