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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1774

5 By: Representative McLean  
6 By: Senator J. Key  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS  
10 CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING *AMOUNTS*; TO  
11 *DECLARE AN EMERGENCY*; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

14 *TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE*  
15 *ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL*  
16 *FUNDING AMOUNTS; AND TO DECLARE AN*  
17 *EMERGENCY.*  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(a)(2), concerning per-student*  
24 *foundation funding amounts, is amended to read as follows:*

25 *(2)(A) For the ~~2011-2012~~ 2013-2014 school year, the foundation*  
26 *funding amount is equal to ~~six thousand one hundred forty-four dollars~~*  
27 *~~(\$6,144)~~ six thousand three hundred ninety-three dollars (\$6,393) multiplied*  
28 *by the school district's average daily membership for the previous school*  
29 *year.*

30 *(B) For the ~~2012-2013~~ 2014-2015 school year and each*  
31 *school year thereafter, the foundation funding amount is equal to ~~six~~*  
32 *~~thousand two hundred sixty-seven dollars (\$6,267)~~ six thousand five hundred*  
33 *twenty-one dollars (\$6,521) multiplied by the school district's average daily*  
34 *membership for the previous school year.*  
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36 *SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(b)(2)(A)(i) and (ii), concerning*



1 *per-student state categorical funding amounts for alternative learning*  
2 *environments, are amended to read as follows:*

3 *(2)(A)(i) For the ~~2011-2012~~ 2013-2014 school year, alternative*  
4 *learning environment funding shall be ~~four thousand one hundred forty five~~*  
5 *~~dollars (\$4,145)~~ four thousand three hundred five dollars (\$4,305) multiplied*  
6 *by the number of identified alternative learning environment students*  
7 *enrolled during the previous school year.*

8 *(ii) For the ~~2012-2013~~ 2014-2015 school year and*  
9 *each school year thereafter, alternative learning environment funding shall*  
10 *be ~~four thousand two hundred twenty eight dollars (\$4,228)~~ four thousand*  
11 *three hundred eighty-three dollars (\$4,383) multiplied by the number of*  
12 *identified alternative learning environment students enrolled during the*  
13 *previous school year.*

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15 *SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(b)(3)(A) and (B), concerning per-*  
16 *student state categorical funding amounts for English-language learners, are*  
17 *amended to read as follows:*

18 *(3)(A) For the ~~2011-2012~~ 2013-2014 school year, funding for*  
19 *students who are identified as English-language learners shall be ~~two hundred~~*  
20 *~~ninety nine dollars (\$299)~~ three hundred eleven dollars (\$311) for each*  
21 *identified English-language learner.*

22 *(B) For the ~~2012-2013~~ 2014-2015 school year and each*  
23 *school year thereafter, funding for students who are identified as English-*  
24 *language learners shall be ~~three hundred five dollars (\$305)~~ three hundred*  
25 *seventeen dollars (\$317) for each identified English-language learner.*

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27 *SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(b)(5)(A) and (B), concerning per-*  
28 *student state categorical funding amounts for professional development, are*  
29 *amended to read as follows:*

30 *(5)(A) For the ~~2011-2012~~ 2013-2014 school year, professional*  
31 *development funding shall be equal to an amount of up to ~~fifty one dollars~~*  
32 *~~(\$51.00)~~ fifty-three dollars (\$53.00) multiplied by the school district's*  
33 *previous school year average daily membership.*

34 *(B) For the ~~2012-2013~~ 2014-2015 school year and each*  
35 *school year thereafter, professional development funding shall be equal to an*  
36 *amount of up to ~~fifty two dollars (\$52.00)~~ fifty-four dollars (\$54.00)*

1 multiplied by the school district's previous school year average daily  
2 membership.

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4 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
5 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that it is the state's  
6 constitutional obligation to provide a general, suitable, and efficient free  
7 system of public schools in the state; that the public school funding  
8 distribution changes in this act are necessary to ensure that proper funding  
9 is provided to public schools and school districts; and that this act is  
10 immediately necessary so that public schools and school districts will  
11 receive the amount of funding provided under this act for the 2013-2014  
12 school year. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being  
13 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and  
14 safety shall become effective on July 1, 2013.

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16 /s/McLean  
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