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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1943

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO PROVIDE STATE FUNDING AID FOR STUDENT
9 TRANSPORTATION COSTS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS; TO
10 DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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14 TO PROVIDE STATE FUNDING AID FOR STUDENT
15 TRANSPORTATION COSTS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL
16 DISTRICTS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(b)(1), is amended to read as
22 follows:

23 (b)(1) In addition to state foundation funding aid, each school
24 district shall receive funding for additional education categories as
25 provided in subdivisions ~~(b)(2)-(5)~~ (b)(2)-(6) of this section.

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27 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(b), concerning additional
28 education categories of state funding for schools, is amended to add an
29 additional subdivision to read as follows:

30 (6) Beginning with the 2013-2014 school year, all student
31 transportation funding provided to a school district under this subchapter
32 shall be distributed as provided under subsection (c) of this section.

33 (c)(1) The Department of Education shall provide to a school district
34 annual state funding for student transportation based on the school
35 district's unfunded student transportation costs where the transportation
36 cost is a function of:



1 (A) Average daily membership;

2 (B) Student ridership; and

3 (C) Linear route miles.

4 (2) The department shall develop the funding formula and the
5 State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to implement this subsection.

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7 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
8 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that it is the state's
9 constitutional obligation to provide a general, suitable, and efficient free
10 system of public schools in the state; that many school districts have high
11 student transportation costs and must use a greater amount of foundation
12 funding for student transportation than other school districts; that the
13 student transportation funding and distribution under this act are needed to
14 ensure that proper resources are provided to public schools and school
15 districts under the state's constitutional obligation; and that this act is
16 immediately necessary so that public schools and school districts will
17 receive the amount of funding provided under this act for the 2013-2014
18 school year. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act
19 being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety
20 shall become effective on July 1, 2013.

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