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For An Act To Be Entitled

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8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE PURPOSES FOR NATIONAL SCHOOL
9 LUNCH STATE CATEGORICAL FUNDING; TO SUPPORT PUBLIC
10 SCHOOL PROGRAMS THAT IMPROVE THE HEALTH AND WELL-
11 BEING OF PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.

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16 TO AMEND THE PURPOSES FOR NATIONAL SCHOOL
17 LUNCH STATE CATEGORICAL FUNDING; AND TO
18 SUPPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL PROGRAMS THAT
19 IMPROVE THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF
20 PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS.

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

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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(b)(4)(C)(i), concerning the
26 approved purposes for expenditures from national school lunch state
27 categorical funding, is amended to read as follows:

28 (C)(i)(a) The State Board of Education shall establish by
29 rule a list of approved programs and purposes for which funds allocated under
30 this subdivision (b)(4) may be expended and-

31 ~~(b) School~~ school districts shall expend those
32 ~~funds allocated under this subdivision (b)(4) only on the programs or~~
33 ~~purposes on the State Board of Education's list of approved programs and~~
34 ~~purposes for which funds allocated under this subdivision (b)(4) may be~~
35 ~~expended, which shall include, but are not limited to:~~ only on programs or
36 for the purposes on the list.



1 (b) The State Board of Education’s list of
2 approved programs and purposes shall include the following Category 1
3 programs:

4 ~~(1) Classroom teachers, provided that~~
5 ~~the school district meets the minimum salary schedule in § 6-17-2403 without~~
6 ~~using funds provided under this subdivision (b)(4) and that those teachers~~
7 ~~are used for the purposes delineated in this subdivision (b)(4);~~

8 ~~(2)(1) Before-school academie programs~~
9 ~~and after-school academie programs that are either school-based or school-~~
10 ~~linked and that use research-informed and innovative strategies to integrate~~
11 ~~program content with curriculum frameworks across a variety of subject areas,~~
12 ~~including and the transportation to and from the programs;~~

13 ~~(3)(2) Prekindergarten programs~~
14 ~~coordinated by the Department of Human Services;~~

15 ~~(4)(3) Tutors, teachers’ aides,~~
16 ~~counselors, social workers, nurses, and curriculum specialists;~~

17 ~~(5) Parent education;~~

18 ~~(6)(4) Summer programs;~~

19 ~~(7) Early intervention programs;~~

20 ~~(8) Materials, supplies, and equipment,~~
21 ~~including technology used in approved programs or for approved purposes;~~

22 ~~(9) Federal child nutrition programs, to~~
23 ~~the extent necessary to provide school meals without charge to all students~~
24 ~~under the United States Department of Agriculture Special Assistance~~
25 ~~Alternative “Provision 2” program under 42 U.S.C. § 1759a, as it exists on~~
26 ~~July 1, 2011;~~

27 ~~(10) Federal child nutrition programs,~~
28 ~~to the extent necessary to provide school meals without charge to students~~
29 ~~otherwise eligible for reduced price meals under the United States Department~~
30 ~~of Agriculture’s National School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program;~~

31 ~~(11)(5) Expenses directly related to~~
32 ~~funding a longer school day that uses one (1) or more of the positive youth~~
33 ~~development program activities identified under § 6-5-904(f)(4);~~

34 ~~(12)(6) Expenses directly related to~~
35 ~~funding a longer school year;~~

36 ~~(13)(7) Partnering Partnerships with~~

1 local institutions of higher education to remediate students while those
2 students are still in high school so that the students are college and career
3 ready upon graduation from high school;

4 ~~(14) Teach For America professional~~
5 ~~development;~~

6 ~~(15)(8) Implementing Implementation of~~
7 components of the Arkansas Advanced Initiative for Math and Science, Inc.;

8 ~~(16)(9) College and Career Coaches~~
9 Program, as administered by the Department of Career Education under § 6-1-
10 601 et seq.; ~~and~~

11 ~~(17)(10) Implementation a school-wide~~
12 evidence-based program intended to close achievement gaps with an arts-
13 infused curriculum-;

14 (11) School health clinics for students
15 and student services personnel who serve low-income students;

16 (12) Implementation of positive behavior
17 intervention and support programs; and

18 (13) Technology that is used solely by
19 students participating in a science, technology, engineering, and math
20 initiative approved by the Department of Education in which participation by
21 national school lunch students in a school is at or above the rate of
22 participation by all students in the school.

23 (c) The state board's list of approved
24 programs and purposes shall include without limitation the following Category
25 2 programs:

26 (1) Classroom teachers, provided that
27 the school district meets the minimum salary schedule in § 6-17-2403 without
28 using funds provided under this subdivision (b)(4) and that those teachers
29 are used for the purposes delineated in this subdivision (b)(4);

30 (2) Parent education;

31 (3) Early intervention programs;

32 (4) Materials, supplies, and equipment,
33 including technology used in approved programs or for approved purposes;

34 (5) Federal child nutrition programs, to
35 the extent necessary to provide school meals without charge to all students
36 under the United States Department of Agriculture Special Assistance

1 Alternative “Provision 2” program under 42 U.S.C. § 1759a, as it existed on
 2 July 1, 2013;

3 (6) Federal child nutrition programs, to
 4 the extent necessary to provide school meals without charge to students
 5 otherwise eligible for reduced-price meals under the United States Department
 6 of Agriculture’s National School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program;

7 (7) Teach For America professional
 8 development; and

9 (8) Implementing a school-wide evidence-
 10 based program intended to close achievement gaps, including without
 11 limitation, a program with an arts-infused curriculum.

12 (d) Beginning with the 2014-2015 school year,
 13 a school district shall annually spend:

14 (1) Sixty percent (60%) or more of the
 15 school district’s national school lunch state categorical funding remaining
 16 for use after any permissible transfers on one (1) or more of the Category 1
 17 programs under subdivision (b)(4)(C)(i)(b) of this section; or

18 (2)(A) If a school in the district is
 19 identified by the Department of Education as a focus school, priority school,
 20 or school in academic distress, seventy-five percent (75%) or more of the
 21 school district’s national school lunch state categorical funding allocated
 22 to the school on one (1) or more of the Category 1 programs under subdivision
 23 (b)(4)(C)(i)(b) of this section.

24 (B) For the purpose of this
 25 subdivision (b)(4)(C)(i)(d)(2), a school district shall allocate to each
 26 school in the school district a prorated amount of the school district’s
 27 national school lunch state categorical funding based on the national school
 28 lunch student population in each school.

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 30 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(b)(4)(D)(i), concerning a school
 31 district report on the expenditure of national school lunch state categorical
 32 funds, is amended to read as follows:

33 (D)(i) By the end of each school year, each school
 34 district shall submit to the Department of Education a report ~~listing that:~~

35 (a) Lists each program upon which funds
 36 allocated under this subdivision (b)(4) were expended;

1 (b) Identifies the amount expended, for each
2 program;

3 (c) Documents the specific benefit of each
4 program to the academic progress of low-income students; and

5 (d) Includes any other information required by
6 the Department of Education.

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