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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 149

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

11 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING ACT OF  
12 2003; TO AMEND THE PER-STUDENT FOUNDATION FUNDING  
13 AMOUNTS FOR THE 2023-2024 AND 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEARS;  
14 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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18 TO AMEND THE PER-STUDENT FOUNDATION  
19 FUNDING AMOUNTS FOR THE 2023-2024 AND  
20 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEARS.  
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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(a)(2), concerning per-student  
26 foundation funding amounts, is amended to read as follows:

27 (2)(A) For the ~~2021-2022~~ 2023-2024 school year, the foundation  
28 funding amount is equal to ~~seven thousand one hundred eighty-two dollars~~  
29 ~~(\$7,182)~~ eight thousand one hundred ninety-five dollars (\$8,195) multiplied  
30 by the school district's average daily membership for the previous school  
31 year.

32 (B) For the ~~2022-2023~~ 2025-2026 school year and each  
33 school year thereafter, the foundation funding amount is equal to ~~seven~~  
34 ~~thousand four hundred thirteen dollars (\$7,413)~~ eight thousand three hundred  
35 seventy dollars (\$8,370) multiplied by the school district's average daily  
36 membership for the previous school year.



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SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO ARKANSAS CODE  
NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL, AND TEMPORARY LAW. PUBLIC SCHOOL  
DISTRICTS CLASSIFIED STAFF RATES OF PAY. Beginning with the 2023-2024 fiscal  
year, the Department of Education shall advise all public school districts to  
pay a minimum rate for all classified employees of fifteen dollars (\$15.00)  
per hour and shall revise this required rate every year thereafter to  
increase based on the growth percentage of the Consumer Price Index as  
described in Arkansas Code § 6-17-2203.