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A Bill

SENATE BILL 876

5 By: Senators J. English, B. Johnson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS
9 CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL *EDUCATION*; TO DECLARE
10 AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL
15 EDUCATION; 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(a)(2), concerning per-student
22 foundation funding amounts, is amended to read as follows:

23 (2)(A) For the ~~2013-2014~~ 2015-2016 school year, the foundation
24 funding amount is equal to ~~six thousand three hundred ninety-three dollars~~
25 ~~(\$6,393)~~ six thousand five hundred eighty-four dollars (\$6,584) multiplied by
26 the school district's average daily membership for the previous school year.

27 (B) For the ~~2014-2015~~ 2016-2017 school year and each school
28 year thereafter, the foundation funding amount is equal to ~~six thousand five~~
29 ~~hundred twenty-one dollars (\$6,521)~~ six thousand six hundred forty-six
30 dollars (\$6,646) multiplied by the school district's average daily membership
31 for the previous school year.
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33 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(b)(2)(A)(i) and (ii), concerning
34 per-student state categorical funding amounts for alternative learning
35 environments, are amended to read as follows:

36 (2)(A)(i) For the ~~2013-2014~~ 2015-2016 school year, alternative



1 *learning environment funding shall be ~~four thousand three hundred five~~*
 2 *~~dollars (\$4,305) four thousand four hundred seventy-one dollars (\$4,471)~~*
 3 *multiplied by the number of identified alternative learning environment*
 4 *students enrolled during the previous school year.*

5 *(ii) For the ~~2014-2015~~ 2016-2017 school year and each*
 6 *school year thereafter, alternative learning environment funding shall be*
 7 *~~four thousand three hundred eighty-three dollars (\$4,383) four thousand five~~*
 8 *hundred sixty dollars (\$4,560) multiplied by the number of identified*
 9 *alternative learning environment students enrolled during the previous school*
 10 *year.*

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

15 *(3)(A) For the ~~2013-2014~~ 2015-2016 school year, funding for students*
 16 *who are identified as English-language learners shall be ~~three hundred eleven~~*
 17 *~~dollars (\$311) three hundred twenty-four dollars (\$324) for each identified~~*
 18 *English-language learner.*

19 *(B) For the ~~2014-2015~~ 2016-2017 school year and each school*
 20 *year thereafter, funding for students who are identified as English-language*
 21 *learners shall be ~~three hundred seventeen dollars (\$317) three hundred~~*
 22 *thirty-one dollars (\$331) for each identified English-language learner.*

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 24 *SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(b)(4)(A), concerning per-student*
 25 *state categorical funding amounts for national school lunch students, is*
 26 *amended to read as follows:*

27 *(4)(A) National school lunch state categorical funding for each*
 28 *identified national school lunch student shall be as follows:*

29 *(i) For a school district in which ninety percent*
 30 *(90%) or greater of the previous school year's enrolled students are national*
 31 *school lunch students, the amount of per-student national school lunch state*
 32 *categorical funding is ~~one thousand five hundred forty nine dollars (\$1,549);~~*

33 *(a) For the 2015-2016 school year, one*
 34 *thousand five hundred sixty-two dollars (\$1,562); and*

35 *(b) For the 2016-2017 school year, one*
 36 *thousand five hundred seventy-six dollars (\$1,576);*

1 (ii) For school districts in which at least seventy
 2 percent (70%) but less than ninety percent (90%) of the previous school
 3 year's enrolled students are national school lunch students, the amount of
 4 per-student national school lunch state categorical funding is ~~one thousand~~
 5 ~~thirty three dollars (\$1,033)~~;

6 (a) For the 2015-2016 school year, one
 7 thousand forty-two dollars (\$1,042); and

8 (b) For the 2016-2017 school year, one
 9 thousand fifty-one dollars (\$1,051); and

10 (iii) For school districts in which less than seventy
 11 percent (70%) of the previous school year's enrolled students are national
 12 school lunch students, the amount of per-student national school lunch state
 13 categorical funding is ~~five hundred seventeen dollars (\$517)~~;

14 (a) For the 2015-2016 school year, five
 15 hundred twenty-two dollars (\$522); and

16 (b) For the 2016-2017 school year, five
 17 hundred twenty-six dollars (\$526).

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

22 ~~(5)(A)(5) For the 2013-2014~~ 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school year
 23 years, professional development funding shall be equal to an amount of up to
 24 fifty three dollars (\$53.00) thirty-two dollars and forty cents (\$32.40)
 25 multiplied by the school district's previous school year average daily
 26 membership.

27 ~~(B) For the 2014-2015 school year and each school year~~
 28 ~~thereafter, professional development funding shall be equal to an amount of~~
 29 ~~up to fifty four dollars (\$54.00) multiplied by the school district's~~
 30 ~~previous school year average daily membership.~~

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 32 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
 33 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that funding for public schools is
 34 the obligation of the state; that ensuring adequate funding is provided is
 35 the duty of the General Assembly; and that this act is immediately necessary
 36 to ensure that funding is provided for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school

1 years so that school districts can budget accordingly. Therefore, an
2 emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for
3 the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become
4 effective on:

5 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

6 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
7 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
8 bill; or

9 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
10 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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