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**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 23

By: Senator B. Johnson  
By: Representatives Cozart, Cavanaugh

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS  
ISOLATED FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO CHANGE THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR SPECIAL  
NEEDS ISOLATED FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL  
DISTRICTS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-20-604(c)(3), concerning special needs isolated funding, is amended to read as follows:

(3) A density ratio of ~~one and three tenths (1.3)~~ one and five-tenths (1.5) students or less per square mile.

*SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that isolated school districts need additional funding to effectively operate their school districts; that the provision of this additional funding is necessary to avoid an interruption of the delivery of educational services; and that this act is immediately necessary to ensure that the additional funding is provided for the upcoming academic year so that the affected school districts can budget accordingly. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:*



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

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

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

/s/B. Johnson

**APPROVED: 02/06/2017**