

**SENATE AMENDMENT 1 TO sb668.**

by striking line 32 on page 1 in its entirety and substituting therefor:

"(03) SMALL SCHOOL FUNDING 5,557,000 5,557,000";

and

by striking on line 34 of page 1 the figures "21,600,000" 21,600,000"

and substituting therefor "20,000,000 20,000,000";

and

by striking on line 5 of page 2 the figures "3,500,000 3,500,000"

and substituting therefor "750,000 1,500,000";

and

by striking on line 6 of page 2 the numbers "1,300,000,000 1,325,000,000" and

substituting therefor "1,310,000,000 1,335,000,000";

and

by striking on line 10 of page 2 the figures "7,500,000 7,500,000"

and substituting therefor "7,000,000 7,000,000";

and

by striking on line 12 of page 2 the figures "736,530 774,722"

and substituting therefor "636,530 674,772";

and

by striking line 15 of page 2 in its entirety;

and

by striking line 20 of page 2 in its entirety;

and

by striking on line 26 of page 2 the figures "6,270,521 5,120,521" and substituting

therefor "4,520,521 4,520,521";

and

by striking on line 32 of page 2 the figures "4,000,000 4,000,000"

and substituting therefor "2,100,000 2,100,000";

and

by striking on line 33 of page 2 the figures "5,200,000 5,200,000"

and substituting therefor "4,500,000 4,500,000";

and

by striking on line 34 of page 2 the figures "2,000,000 2,600,000"

and substituting therefor "1,000,000 1,000,000";

and

by striking on line 34 of page 2 the underscores "\_\_\_\_\_"

and

by striking line 35 of page 2 in its entirety and substituting therefor:

" (36)	ADVANCED PLACEMENT	325,000	325,000	
(37)	INCENTIVE FUNDING I	17,000,000	18,000,000	
(38)	ECONOMIC EDUCATION	200,000	200,000	(39)
PARENTS AS TEACHERS		500,000	500,000	
(40)	COMMUNITY BASED PILOT GRANTS	439,080	439,080	
(41)	PAT PROG & TRAINING CTR	300,000	300,000	
(42)	TEACHER RETIREMENT LOAN			
	REPAYMENT	<u>4,160,571</u>	<u>4,160,571</u>	
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,486,442,131</u>	<u>\$1,509,318,522</u>	

and by appropriately renumbering all item numbers in Section 1 of the bill;

and

by striking Section 3 of the bill in its entirety;

and

by striking Section 8 of the bill in its entirety and substituting therefor:

"SECTION 8. The Director of the Department of Education, with the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer and after review by the Arkansas Legislative Council, is hereby authorized to request necessary appropriation transfers and any other budget related adjustments necessary to implement The Equitable School Finance System Act of 1995."

and

by striking Section 14 of the bill in its entirety and substituting therefor:

"SECTION 14. (A) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998, the Department of Education shall from time to time as needed, certify to the State Treasurer and the Chief Fiscal Office of the State, the amount of funds disbursed for desegregation expenses under the "Pulaski County School Desegregation Settlement Agreement." Upon the receipt of such certification, the State Treasurer, after making those deductions as set out in Arkansas Code 19-5-202(b) (2) (B), shall also deduct up to, but not to exceed in total for fiscal year 1997-98 the sum of \$28,000,000 from the net general revenues and transfer this amount to the Public School Fund.

(B) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, the Department of Education shall from time to time as needed, certify to the State Treasurer and the Chief Fiscal Office of the State, the amount of funds disbursed for desegregation expenses under the "Pulaski County School Desegregation Settlement Agreement." Upon the receipt of such certification, the State Treasurer, after making those deductions as set out in Arkansas Code 19-5-202(b) (2) (B), shall also deduct up to, but not to exceed in total for fiscal year 1998-99 the sum of \$28,100,000 from the net general revenues and transfer this amount to the Public School Fund."

and

by striking the period "." on line 33 of page 6 and substituting therefor ", Incentive

Funding I and Additional Base Funding.";

and

by adding the following new sections immediately after Section 21 to read as follows:

"SECTION 22. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. The funds appropriated for Computer-Based Education Grants in Section 1 of this Act shall be distributed to IMPAC Learning Systems, Inc., for the purpose of providing computer-based education grants to public school districts and provide for the maintenance and operations support for these computer-based education systems.

SECTION 23. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. The funds appropriated for Computer-Based Education Operations in Section 1 of this Act shall be distributed to IMPAC Learning Systems, Inc., for the purpose of providing the maintenance and operations support for preexisting computer-based education systems.

SECTION 24. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Arkansas Code Annotated §6-16-405 (4) is hereby repealed:

~~'(4) Develop and implement standards and criteria for the evaluation and recommendation to the Department of Education of computer based educational projects to be operated by the Department of Education and the public school districts of this State and for the allocation of funds and assistance by the commission to the department or public schools of this State for use in the support and operation of computer based education projects in the public schools.'~~

SECTION 25. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Arkansas Code Annotated §6-16-406 is hereby repealed:

~~' (a) The Department of Education shall, after seeking the advice of the commission, recommend to the State Board of Education proposed standards, criteria, rules, and regulations for providing financial assistance to school districts to be used in connection with computer based education projects in the public schools. These rules and regulations shall include forms and instructions developed by the Department of Education, upon which school districts may make application for financial assistance for computer-based education projects. Before approving such standards, criteria, rules, and regulations and forms, the State Board of Education shall hold hearings thereon, and adopt them in the manner provided by the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, as amended, §25-15-201 et seq.~~

~~(b) The Department of Education shall provide leadership and assistance to local school districts by training teachers in means of using computer technology in the instructional process in teaching and improving of learning opportunities in the basic~~

~~skills in the public schools.~~

~~(c) The Department of Education may acquire, develop, test, evaluate, and improve computer software and computer based instructional materials and, after obtaining the assistance and advice of the commission, recommend to school districts in this State computer software and instructional materials deemed to meet the standards established for computer based education projects required to receive funds or to obtain matching funds to be made available by the department or by the commission to assist in defraying the cost of computer based education projects in the public schools.~~

~~(d) The Department of Education may hold seminars and training sessions and offer technical advice and assistance to its own staff and school districts as may be deemed necessary in support and improvement of computer based educational projects in the public schools of this State.'~~

SECTION 26. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Arkansas Code Annotated §6-16-407 is hereby repealed.

~~' (a) The Department of Education shall, in accordance with the standards, rules, regulations, and forms promulgated and approved by the State Board of Education, receive applications from school districts in this state for computer based educational projects. Upon receipt of such applications, the Department of Education shall submit them to the commission for its evaluation and recommendations.~~

~~(b) The Commission shall review all applications for computer based educational projects received by the Department of Education and filed with the commission for its review, and after making such study, evaluation, and investigation in connection therewith as the commission deems appropriate, it shall, in writing, submit its evaluations, findings, and recommendations in regard thereto to the Department of Education. In addition, the commission shall notify the Department of Education of the amount of the funds or other assistance which will be provided in support of any such project.~~

~~(c) After receiving the advice and recommendations of the commission, the Department of Education shall review each application for financial assistance for computer based educational projects received from school districts and shall notify the school district in writing of its approval or rejection of such application, provided that the department may return the application to the school district and request that additional information or supporting data be filed with the department before final action is taken on the application. If the application is approved for state assistance, the department shall notify the school district of the extent to which the department or the commission will provide financial assistance to the project.~~

~~(d) If the Department of Education shall determine that the amount of funds available during any fiscal year for providing financial support of computer based educational projects and support programs will not be adequate to fund all such projects for which applications are filed by school districts for state assistance, the department~~

~~shall review all such applications and shall approve those projects which the department believes to be in the best interest of the needs of applying school districts that have the capability of producing maximum educational results within the limitations of the funds available. In arriving at such decision, the Department of Education shall seek the advice and evaluation of the commission with respect to applications for computer based educational projects.~~

~~(c) The commission may delegate to the Director of General Education, the Director of Vocational and Technical Education, or any designated official or employee of the department, the authority to review applications for computer based educational projects and to approve them in behalf of the commission as being eligible for funds to be made available by the commission, in accordance with the appropriate rules and regulations promulgated by the commission.'~~

SECTION 27. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Arkansas code annotated §6-16-408 is hereby repealed:

~~'(a) The commission and the Department of Education shall, from time to time, monitor the accomplishments and achievements of each computer based instructional project being operated in the public schools through financial assistance provided by the department or the commission and may make recommendations to the project.~~

~~(b) The commission may recommend to the Department of Education the termination and withdrawal of financial support to any computer based instructional project or may withdraw any financial or in kind support that the commission is making to such project, if the commission determines that the project is not being operated in accordance with the criteria, standards, rules, and regulations promulgated by the State Board of Education and by the commission.'";~~

and

by appropriately renumbering all sections of the bill.