

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1911

By: Representative C. Armstrong

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING FOR
ALTERNATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT HIGH-PRIORITY
SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO PROVIDE SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING
FOR ALTERNATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT
HIGH-PRIORITY SCHOOLS.

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

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. The General Assembly finds that:

(1) A regional community alternative learning environment center is a nonresidential school that serves students with educational limitations and deficiencies who are not currently served or are underserved by the students' resident school districts;

(2) The students served by a regional community alternative learning environment center come from school districts that have high rates of poverty and in which the tax base for the school districts is progressively eroded by a declining population;

(3) By providing transportation funding aid to the school districts to transport students to a regional community alternative learning environment center, the state provides these students with the opportunity to:

(A) Be successful in school and become prepared for gainful employment or completion of training and certification in a career or vocational area of study; and



(B) Strengthen family relationships by enabling the student to reside at home.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 11, Subchapter 2, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-11-209. Transportation funding for students attending a regional community alternative learning environment center.

(a)(1) As funding is available, the Department of Education may provide transportation funding aid to school districts that transport students to a regional community alternative learning environment center that serves three (3) or more contiguous counties in which the most recent census indicates:

(A) High rates of poverty; or

(B) Declining population.

(2) The school may also receive funding for transportation under this section from other state agencies, federal agencies, or from private donations.

(b) A school district may use the state categorical funding it receives under § 6-20-2305(b)(4) to provide transportation for students who reside in the school district to attend a regional community alternative learning environment center.

/s/C. Armstrong