

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

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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE STATE FUNDING AID FOR STUDENT
TRANSPORTATION COSTS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS; TO
DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO PROVIDE STATE FUNDING AID FOR STUDENT
TRANSPORTATION COSTS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL
DISTRICTS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(b)(1), is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) In addition to state foundation funding aid, each school district shall receive funding for additional education categories as provided in subdivisions ~~(b)(2)-(5)~~ (b)(2)-(6) of this section.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(b), concerning additional education categories of state funding for schools, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(6) Beginning with the 2013-2014 school year, all student transportation funding provided to a school district over the amount of three hundred nine dollars and ninety cents (\$309.90) under this subchapter shall be distributed as provided under subsection (c) of this section.

(c)(1) The Department of Education shall provide to a school district annual state funding for student transportation based on the school district's unfunded student transportation costs based on linear route miles.



(2) The department shall develop the funding *formula*.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that it is the state's constitutional obligation to provide a general, suitable, and efficient free system of public schools in the state; that many school districts have high student transportation costs and must use a greater amount of foundation funding for student transportation than other school districts; that the student transportation funding and distribution under this act are needed to ensure that proper resources are provided to public schools and school districts under the state's constitutional obligation; and that this act is immediately necessary so that public schools and school districts will receive the amount of funding provided under this act for the 2013-2014 school year. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on July 1, 2013.

/s/C. Douglas