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SENATE BILL 149

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING ACT OF 2003; TO AMEND THE PER-STUDENT FOUNDATION FUNDING AMOUNTS FOR THE 2023-2024 AND 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEARS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE PER-STUDENT FOUNDATION FUNDING AMOUNTS FOR THE 2023-2024 AND 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEARS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(a)(2), concerning per-student foundation funding amounts, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) For the ~~2021-2022~~ 2023-2024 school year, the foundation funding amount is equal to ~~seven thousand one hundred eighty-two dollars (\$7,182)~~ eight thousand one hundred ninety-five dollars (\$8,195) multiplied by the school district's average daily membership for the previous school year.

(B) For the ~~2022-2023~~ 2025-2026 school year and each school year thereafter, the foundation funding amount is equal to ~~seven thousand four hundred thirteen dollars (\$7,413)~~ eight thousand three hundred seventy dollars (\$8,370) multiplied by the school district's average daily membership for the previous school year.



SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL, AND TEMPORARY LAW. PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS CLASSIFIED STAFF RATES OF PAY. Beginning with the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the Department of Education shall advise all public school districts to pay a minimum rate for all classified employees of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per hour and shall revise this required rate every year thereafter to increase based on the growth percentage of the Consumer Price Index as described in Arkansas Code § 6-17-2203.