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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1312

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO AMEND PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING AMOUNTS UNDER  
10 THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING ACT OF 2003; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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15 TO AMEND PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING AMOUNTS  
16 UNDER THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING ACT OF  
17 2003.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(a)(2), concerning per-student  
22 foundation funding amounts under the Public School Funding Act of 2003, is  
23 amended to read as follows:

24 (2)(A) For the ~~2023-2024~~ 2025-2026 school year, the foundation  
25 funding amount is equal to ~~seven thousand six hundred eighteen dollars~~  
26 ~~(\$7,618)~~ eight thousand one hundred sixty-two dollars (\$8,162) multiplied by  
27 the school district's average daily membership for the previous school year.

28 (B) For the ~~2024-2025~~ 2026-2027 school year and each  
29 school year thereafter, the foundation funding amount is equal to ~~seven~~  
30 ~~thousand seven hundred seventy-one dollars (\$7,771)~~ eight thousand three  
31 hundred seventy-one dollars (\$8,371) multiplied by the school district's  
32 average daily membership for the previous school year.  
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34 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(b)(2)(A), concerning alternative  
35 learning environment funding under the Public School Funding Act of 2003, is  
36 amended to read as follows:



1 (A)(i) For the ~~2023-2024~~ 2025-2026 school year,  
 2 alternative learning environment funding shall be ~~four thousand nine hundred~~  
 3 ~~eighty seven dollars (\$4,987)~~ five thousand two hundred twelve dollars  
 4 (\$5,212) multiplied by the number of identified alternative learning  
 5 environment students enrolled during the previous school year.

6 (ii) For the ~~2024-2025~~ 2026-2027 school year,  
 7 alternative learning environment funding shall be ~~five thousand eighty six~~  
 8 ~~dollars (\$5,086)~~ five thousand three hundred forty-one dollars (\$5,341)  
 9 multiplied by the number of identified alternative learning environment  
 10 students enrolled during the previous school year.

11 (iii) Funding for students in alternative learning  
 12 environments shall be distributed based on rules promulgated by the State  
 13 Board of Education.

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 15 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(b)(3), concerning funding for  
 16 English learners under the Public School Funding Act of 2003, is amended to  
 17 read as follows:

18 (3)(A) For the ~~2023-2024~~ 2025-2026 school year, funding for  
 19 students who are identified as English learners shall be ~~three hundred sixty-~~  
 20 ~~six dollars (\$366)~~ three hundred seventy-five dollars (\$375) for each  
 21 identified English learner.

22 (B) Funding for English learners shall be distributed to  
 23 public school districts for students who have been identified as not  
 24 proficient in the English language based upon a state-approved English  
 25 proficiency assessment instrument.

26 (C) Funds allocated for English learners to public school  
 27 districts under this subchapter shall be expended only for eligible  
 28 activities as identified in current rules promulgated by the State Board of  
 29 Education and are a supplement to funding for national school lunch students  
 30 provided in subdivision (b)(4) of this section.

31 (D) For the ~~2024-2025~~ 2026-2027 school year and each  
 32 school year thereafter, funding for students who are identified as English  
 33 learners shall be ~~three hundred sixty six dollars (\$366)~~ three hundred  
 34 eighty-four dollars (\$384) for each identified English learner.

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 36 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(b)(4)(A), concerning Enhanced

1 Student Achievement funding under the Public School Funding Act of 2003, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 (4)(A) Enhanced Student Achievement Funding for each identified  
4 national school lunch student shall be as follows:

5 (i) For a public school district in which ninety  
6 percent (90%) or more of the previous school year's enrolled students are  
7 national school lunch students, the amount of per-student Enhanced Student  
8 Achievement Funding for the ~~2023-2024~~ 2025-2026 school year is ~~one thousand~~  
9 ~~six hundred thirteen dollars (\$1,613)~~ one thousand six hundred fifty-three  
10 dollars (\$1,653) and for the ~~2024-2025~~ 2026-2027 school year is ~~one thousand~~  
11 ~~six hundred thirteen dollars (\$1,613)~~ one thousand six hundred ninety-four  
12 dollars (\$1,694);

13 (ii) For a public school district in which at least  
14 seventy percent (70%) but less than ninety percent (90%) of the previous  
15 school year's enrolled students are national school lunch students, the  
16 amount of per-student Enhanced Student Achievement Funding for the ~~2023-2024~~  
17 2025-2026 school year is ~~one thousand seventy-six dollars (\$1,076)~~ one  
18 thousand one hundred three dollars (\$1,103) and for the ~~2024-2025~~ 2026-2027  
19 school year is ~~one thousand seventy-six dollars (\$1,076)~~ one thousand one  
20 hundred thirty dollars (\$1,130); and

21 (iii) For a public school district in which less  
22 than seventy percent (70%) of the previous school year's enrolled students  
23 are national school lunch students, the amount of per-student Enhanced  
24 Student Achievement Funding for the ~~2023-2024~~ 2025-2026 school year is ~~five~~  
25 ~~hundred thirty-eight dollars (\$538)~~ five hundred fifty-one dollars (\$551) and  
26 for the ~~2024-2025~~ 2026-2027 school year is ~~five hundred thirty-eight dollars~~  
27 ~~(\$538)~~ five hundred sixty-five dollars (\$565).

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29 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(b)(5)(C)(i), concerning  
30 professional development funding for professional learning communities under  
31 the Public School Funding Act of 2003, is amended to read as follows:

32 (C)(i) For the ~~2023-2024~~ 2025-2026 school year and  
33 each school year thereafter, additional funding up to sixteen million five  
34 hundred thousand dollars (\$16,500,000) provided for professional development  
35 above the amount in subdivision (b)(5)(A) of this section shall be used by  
36 the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education for the development and

1 administration of professional learning communities for the benefit of public  
 2 school districts.

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 4 SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(b)(6)(A), concerning the  
 5 statewide target average annual salary for teachers under the Public School  
 6 Funding Act of 2003, is amended to read as follows:

7 (6)(A)(i) Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, for school  
 8 districts identified by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education as  
 9 having an average annual teacher salary below the statewide target average  
 10 annual salary, teacher salary equalization funding shall be equal to one  
 11 hundred eighty-five dollars (\$185) multiplied by the average daily membership  
 12 of the school district for the previous school year.

13 (ii) For the ~~2023-2024~~ 2025-2026 and ~~2024-2025~~ 2026-  
 14 2027 school years, the statewide target average annual salary shall be fifty-  
 15 one thousand eight hundred twenty-two dollars (\$51,822).

16 (iii) The House Committee on Education and the  
 17 Senate Committee on Education shall set jointly the statewide target average  
 18 annual salary for the ~~2025-2026~~ 2027-2028 and ~~2026-2027~~ 2028-2029 school  
 19 years, and each biennium thereafter, as part of the adequacy review process  
 20 required under § 10-3-2102.

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