

State of Arkansas
76th General Assembly
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By: Senator Malone

SENATE BILL 651

"AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 34 OF 1983 (1ST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION)
AS AMENDED, TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS IN THE SCHOOL WEIGHTS; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 (b) (1) of Act 34 of 1983 (1st Extraordinary Session), as amended, the same being Ark. Stat. Ann. §80-850.11 (b) (1), is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(1) Students evaluated as special education students in accordance with regulations promulgated by the State Department of Education shall be given 'add on' weights in the following amounts for each type setting in which services are received:

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| Itinerant | .40 |
| Resource Room | .75 |
| Self Contained (Ratio of 1-15) | 1.0 |
| Self Contained (Ratio of 1-10) | 1.6 |
| Special School, Day | 2.0 |
| Special School, Residential | 3.10" |

SECTION 2. Section 2 (d) of Act 34 of 1983 (1st Extraordinary Session) as amended, the same being Ark. Stat. Ann. §80-850.11 (d), is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(d) ASSESSED VALUATION shall mean the total valuation for tax purposes of the real, personal, and utility and carrier property including mineral leases as certified by the County Clerk and/or the County Board of Education to the State Department of Education.

For purposes of this Act, the charged assessment of the various school

districts of the state shall be determined as follows:

Real Property - The actual assessment for the previous calendar year shall be used after having been adjusted to 20 percent of true or full market value in accordance with the assessed ratio established by the Assessment Coordination Division.

Utilities and Regulated Carriers - The charged assessment used shall be the actual assessment for the calendar year prior to the base year multiplied by the ratio of the taxes due to be collected in the current (latest) year to the taxes due to be collected in the base year. The charged assessment shall not be increased because of an increase in the local millage rate; therefore adjustments shall be made to compensate for millage increases in school districts where an increase in millage results in an increase in revenue from personal property. The base year as used in this section is defined to be the last year that taxes are due to be collected using old assessment figures."

SECTION 3. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that in order for school districts to receive appropriate funds in the 1987-88 school year, that the changes in this Act must be in effect prior to the calculation of Minimum Foundation Program Aid. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

