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A Bill

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HOUSE BILL 1536

By: Representative M. McElroy

By: Senator D. Wallace

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL BUS PASSENGER RESTRAINT
SYSTEMS; TO WITHHOLD STATE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING
FROM A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE
PASSENGER RESTRAINT SYSTEMS IN SCHOOL BUSES UNDER
CERTAIN CONDITIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO WITHHOLD STATE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING
FROM A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT DOES NOT
REQUIRE PASSENGER RESTRAINT SYSTEMS IN
SCHOOL BUSES UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-19-130, concerning school bus passenger restraint systems, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(g) If a school district does not place a proposal on the ballot for the next school election under subsection (e) of this section or elect to purchase, install, and maintain passenger restraint systems as specified in subsection (f) of this section, then twenty-five percent (25%) of the state transportation funding allocated to the school district shall be withheld until the school district either places a proposal on the ballot for the next school election or purchases, installs, and maintains passenger restraint systems for all newly purchased school buses.

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