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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1536

5 By: Representative M. McElroy
6 By: Senator D. Wallace
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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17 TO WITHHOLD STATE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING
18 FROM A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT DOES NOT
19 REQUIRE PASSENGER RESTRAINT SYSTEMS IN
20 SCHOOL BUSES UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-19-130, concerning school bus passenger
25 restraint systems, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as
26 follows:

27 (g) If a school district does not place a proposal on the ballot for
28 the next school election under subsection (e) of this section or elect to
29 purchase, install, and maintain passenger restraint systems as specified in
30 subsection (f) of this section, then state transportation funding allocated
31 to the school district shall be withheld until the school district either
32 places a proposal on the ballot for the next school election or purchases,
33 installs, and maintains passenger restraint systems for all newly purchased
34 school buses.
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36 /s/M. McElroy

