(124th General Assembly)
(House Bill Number 289)

AN ACT

To permit payment in fiscal year 2002 to school districts that exceed the number of permitted "calamity" days in fiscal year 2001 as a result of closing schools to prevent the spread of meningococcal disease, and to declare an emergency.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding section 3317.01 of the Revised Code, no school district shall be denied payments under Chapter 3317. of the Revised Code for fiscal year 2002 if any school in the district was open for instruction during fiscal year 2001 for fewer days than required by sections 3313.48, 3313.481, and 3317.01 of the Revised Code, provided that the reason any such school was not open for the required number of days was to prevent the spread of meningococcal disease.

SECTION 2. This act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety. The reason for the necessity is that immediate action is necessary to avoid delays in fiscal year 2002 payments to school districts that exceeded the number of permitted calamity days in fiscal year 2001 because of an unforeseen need to close schools to prevent the spread of meningococcal disease. Therefore, this act shall go into immediate effect.

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Speaker _____ of the House of Representatives.

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President _____ of the Senate.

Passed _____, 20____

Approved _____, 20____

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Governor.

The section numbering of law of a general and permanent nature is complete and in conformity with the Revised Code.

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Director, Legislative Service Commission.

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State at Columbus, Ohio, on the ____ day of _____, A. D. 20____.

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Secretary of State.

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