

PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION IN THE PAST FISCAL YEAR, DIVIDED BY THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED, AS DEFINED IN §5-202(A) OF THIS ARTICLE.

(3) "RECEIVING COUNTY" MEANS A COUNTY THAT RECEIVES THE CHILDREN OF AN ADJOINING, SENDING COUNTY INTO ITS PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

(4) "SENDING COUNTY" MEANS A COUNTY THAT SENDS CHILDREN WHO RESIDE WITHIN ITS BORDERS TO A PUBLIC SCHOOL IN AN ADJOINING, RECEIVING COUNTY.

(B) SCHOOL TO BE FREE.

A SCHOOL THAT IS IN ONE COUNTY AND NEAR THE BOUNDARY OF AN ADJOINING COUNTY IS FREE TO THE CHILDREN OF THE ADJOINING COUNTY AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.

(C) JOINT PROVISION FOR SCHOOL SUPPORT AND ATTENDANCE POLICIES.

(1) THE COUNTY BOARDS OF THE TWO COUNTIES MAY:

(I) PROVIDE JOINTLY FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT OF THE JOINTLY ATTENDED SCHOOL IN THE RECEIVING COUNTY; AND

(II) DETERMINE THE GEOGRAPHICAL ATTENDANCE AREAS AND OTHER ATTENDANCE POLICIES OF THE TWO COUNTIES FOR ALL JOINTLY ATTENDED SCHOOLS IN THE RECEIVING COUNTY.

(2) IF THE TWO COUNTY BOARDS FAIL TO AGREE ON A GEOGRAPHICAL ATTENDANCE AREA OR ATTENDANCE POLICY, THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL DECIDE THE MATTER.

(D) FUNDING.

(1) FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR, THE SENDING COUNTY SHALL PAY THE RECEIVING COUNTY, FOR EACH STUDENT WHO RESIDES IN THE SENDING COUNTY AND WHO ATTENDS A PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE RECEIVING COUNTY, AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE LESSER OF:

(I) THE LOCAL CURRENT EXPENSE PER STUDENT IN THE SENDING COUNTY; OR

(II) THE LOCAL CURRENT EXPENSE PER STUDENT IN THE RECEIVING COUNTY.

(2) IF THE LOCAL CURRENT EXPENSE PER STUDENT FOR THE SENDING COUNTY IS LESS THAN THE LOCAL CURRENT EXPENSE PER STUDENT FOR THE RECEIVING COUNTY, THE DIFFERENCE, PLUS THE APPROPRIATE STATE SHARE OF BASIC CURRENT EXPENSES, FOR EACH STUDENT WHO RESIDES IN A SENDING COUNTY WHO ATTENDS A PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE RECEIVING COUNTY, SHALL BE:

(I) PAID BY THE STATE TO THE RECEIVING COUNTY;  
AND