Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law. Act 764 of the Regular Session

1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: \$4/6/23		
2	94th General Assembly	A Bill		
3	Regular Session, 2023		SENATE BILL 355	
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5	By: Senators Caldwell, J. Petty, J. Bryant			
6	By: Representatives Holcomb, J. Moore, Puryear, J. Mayberry			
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8	For An Act To Be Entitled			
9	AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO			
10	STORM SHELTERS FOR EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES UNDER THE			
11	ARKANSAS FIRE PREVENTION CODE; AND FOR OTHER			
12	PURPOSES.			
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16	TO PR	ROVIDE FOR CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS		
17	RELATED TO STORM SHELTERS FOR EDUCATIONAL			
18	FACILITIES UNDER THE ARKANSAS FIRE			
19	PREVE	ENTION CODE.		
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22	BE IT ENACTED BY THE G	ENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANS	SAS:	
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24	SECTION 1. Arkan	nsas Code Title 12, Chapter 13, Subcha	apter l, is	
25	amended to add an additional section to read as follows:			
26	12-13-120. Arkan	nsas Fire Prevention Code.		
27	(a) Before Janua	ary 1, 2025, the Arkansas Fire Prevent	ion Code shall	
28	not require an educational facility, also known as a Group E occupancy, to			
29	have a storm shelter that has an occupant capacity that exceeds the total			
30	occupant load of the classrooms, vocational rooms, and offices.			
31	(b) Beginning January 1, 2025, the Arkansas Fire Prevention Code			
32	shall:			
33	<u>(1) Ident:</u>	ify the educational facilities, also k	known as Group E	
34	occupancies, that are required to have a storm shelter; and			
35	<u>(2) Requi</u>	re that the occupant capacity of a sto	orm shelter for a	
36	Group E occupancy be de	etermined by:		

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1	(A) The total occupant load of the classrooms, vocational		
2	rooms, and offices in the Group E occupancy; and		
3	(B) For critical emergency operations, the occupant load		
4	of the building in which the storm shelter is located.		
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6	SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. Storm shelters for		
7	educational facilities before January 1, 2025.		
8	If an educational facility, also known as a Group E occupancy, begins		
9	construction for a storm shelter after the effective date of this act, the		
10	storm shelter shall comply with the standards stated in Arkansas Code § 12-		
11	<u>13-120(b)(2).</u>		
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