

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 249

5 By: Senators Teague, Laverty  
6 By: Representatives Stewart, Ragland  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO AMEND THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR  
11 ADMINISTRATIVE REORGANIZATION OF SMALL SCHOOL  
12 DISTRICTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

14 TO AMEND THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR  
15 ADMINISTRATIVE REORGANIZATION OF SMALL  
16 SCHOOL DISTRICTS.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. The General Assembly recognizes that  
23 small school districts and the communities where they are located have been  
24 adversely affected by an economic slowdown bringing plant closures and job  
25 losses. It is the intent of the General Assembly to provide limited relief  
26 from administrative consolidation to small school districts so that the  
27 Governor's strategic plan for economic development will have time to help  
28 restore jobs and families in these communities.  
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30 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-13-1602 is amended to read as follows:  
31 6-13-1602. Administrative consolidation list.

32 (a) By February 1, 2004, and each January 1 thereafter of each year,  
33 the Department of Education shall publish a consolidation list that includes  
34 all school districts with fewer than three hundred fifty (350) students  
35 according to the district's average daily membership in each of the ~~two (2)~~  
36 four (4) school years immediately preceding the current school year.



1           (b) If a school district meets the criteria of subsection (a), but on  
2 October 1 of the year the consolidation list is published the number of  
3 students actually enrolled in the school district is greater than three  
4 hundred fifty (350):

5                   (1) The department shall not include the school district on the  
6 consolidation list; and

7                   (2) The four-year period under subsection (a) of this section  
8 shall begin again on the next year that the school district's average daily  
9 membership is fewer than three hundred fifty (350) in the immediately  
10 preceding school year.

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