

State of Arkansas

76th General Assembly

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HOUSE BILL 1172

By: Representative Wade

"AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE MAXIMUM AVERAGE KINDERGARTEN CLASS SIZE IN ANY SCHOOL SHALL NOT EXCEED TWENTY-THREE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. There is hereby established the maximum average kindergarten class size of twenty-three (23) students within each school district computed on the number enrolled on the first day of each school year. Any law or regulation establishing a smaller maximum kindergarten class size is hereby repealed and made void.

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that the State Board of Education regulations regarding kindergarten class size establishes a maximum class size of twenty (20) students; that the regulation does not allow for the averaging of the several kindergarten classes within school districts; that not only should averaging be allowed but that the maximum average kindergarten class size should be twenty-three (23) students; that until this Act becomes effective, the State Board of Education regulation will be in effect resulting in unreasonable burdens on several school districts of this State; and that this Act should go into effect immediately in order to eliminate the burden on the school districts. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

