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	As Engrossed: H3/29/07	
2	86th General Assembly	A Bill	
3	Regular Session, 2007		HOUSE BILL 2751
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5	By: Representatives M. Martin,	Cook	
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8	For An Act To Be Entitled		
9	AN ACT TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF TRANSPORTATION		
10	TIME FOR STUDENTS IN CONSOLIDATED AND ANNEXED		
11	PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.		
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13		Subtitle	
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15	TRANSPORTATION TIME FOR STUDENTS IN		
16	CONSOLI	DATED AND ANNEXED PUBLIC SCHOOL	L
17	DISTRIC	CTS.	
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20	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GEN	ERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF A	RKANSAS:
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22	SECTION 1. Arkans	as Code Title 6, Chapter 19 is	amended to add an
23	additional section to re	ad as follows:	
24	6-19-123. Transpo	rtation efficiency study.	
25	(a) The Bureau of	Legislative Research in conjun	nction with the
26	Division of Public Schoo	1 Academic Facilities and Trans	sportation shall
27	conduct a study of the t	ransportation of public school	students by public
28	school districts in the	state with an emphasis on publi	<u>lc school districts</u>
29	resulting from consolidation or annexation, isolated school districts, and		
30	public school districts with declining enrollment to assess whether the time		
31	and cost of public school district transportation for students enrolled in		
32	those public school districts can or should be minimized.		
33	(b) The study shall include, without limitation, the following:		
34	(1) How pub	lic school districts administer	student .
35	transportation routes an	d number of school buses to acc	commodate student
36	needs;		

1	(2) How regional or local geography influence time and cost of		
2	school bus routes;		
3	(3) How student characteristics and density or scarcity of		
4	student population impact the time and cost of student transportation; and		
5	(4) A review of other states' practices concerning student		
6	transportation.		
7	(c) The bureau shall report its findings and recommendations to the		
8	House Interim Committee on Education and the Senate Interim Committee on		
9	Education before October 1, 2008.		
10	(d) The report shall include, without limitation, the following:		
11	(1) A description of the boundaries of all public school		
12	districts resulting from consolidation or annexation;		
13	(2) A list of public school districts for which a boundary		
14	adjustment or other alternative would reduce the public school district's		
15	transportation time or cost;		
16	(3) A detailed description of each alternative for reducing a		
17	public school district's transportation time or cost, including without		
18	limitation for each alternative:		
19	(A) The number of hours of transportation time saved per		
20	student presented by public school district and by statewide total;		
21	(B) The total cost saved under the alternative presented		
22	by public school district and by statewide total; and		
23	(4) A description of the proposed implementation of any		
24	alternative, including without limitation:		
25	(A) The cost of implementation; and		
26	(B) For any boundary change considered in the alternative		
27	the impact, if any, of the boundary change on an affected public school		
28	district's compliance with the State Board of Education's standards for		
29	accreditation, academic achievement, and financial management.		
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31	/s/ M. Martin, et al		
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