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: H3/13/09 A D : 11	
2	87th General Assembly	A Bill	
3	Regular Session, 2009		HOUSE BILL 2263
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5	By: Representatives Lovell, Wag	gner, J. Burris	
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8	For An Act To Be Entitled		
9	AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR		
10	CALCULATIN	G AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP FOR T	HE
11	PURPOSES OF ADMINISTRATIVE REORGANIZATION OF		
12	SMALL SCHO	OL DISTRICTS; AND FOR OTHER PURP	OSES.
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14		Subtitle	
15	TO CLAR	IFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR	
16	CALCULA	TING AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP FO	R
17	THE PUR	POSE OF ADMINISTRATIVE	
18	REORGAN	IZATION OF SMALL SCHOOL	
19	DISTRIC	TS.	
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22	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENI	ERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF AR	KANSAS:
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24	SECTION 1. NOT TO	BE CODIFIED. <u>Intent. The General Control of the Co</u>	ral Assembly
25	recognizes that the inter	nt of basing administrative cons	olidation of small
26	school districts on a two	o-year average was to provide te	mporary relief to
27	school districts that we	re irreversibly losing enrollmen	t. The General
28	Assembly further recognize	zes that small school districts a	and the rural
29	communities where they as	re located are more susceptible	than larger
30	communities to fluctuation	ons in the economy that result in	n fluctuations in
31	enrollment, both up and o	down. It is the intent of the G	eneral Assembly to
32	provide a more stable bas	sis for administrative consolida	tion of small school
33	districts to minimize the	e effect of temporary fluctuation	ns in enrollment due
34	to changing economic cond	ditions.	
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36	SECTION 2. Arkansa	as Code § 6-13-1602 is amended to	o read as follows:

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1	6-13-1602. Administrative consolidation list.		
2	By February 1, 2004, and each January 1 thereafter of each year, the		
3	Department of Education shall publish a consolidation list that includes all		
4	school districts with fewer than three hundred fifty (350) students accordin		
5	to the school district average daily membership in each quarter of the two		
6	(2) school years immediately preceding the current school year.		
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8	SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the		
9	General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that there is uncertainty in the		
10	calculation of average daily membership when if comes to the administrative		
11	consolidation list; that school districts may be unfairly placed on the		
12	administrative consolidation list which causes a great deal of anxiety among		
13	parents, students, school district employees and communities; and that this		
14	act is immediately necessary because to ensure that the factors that must be		
15	met for a school district to be place on the administrative consolidation		
16	list are clear and understandable. Therefore, an emergency is declared to		
17	exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the		
18	public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:		
19	(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;		
20	(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,		
21	the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the		
22	bill; or		
23	(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is		
24	overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.		
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26	/s/ Lovell		
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