

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  
2 87th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2009

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 971

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5 By: Senator Teague

## For An Act To Be Entitled

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8 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR  
9 CALCULATING AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP FOR THE  
10 PURPOSES OF ADMINISTRATIVE REORGANIZATION OF  
11 SMALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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15 TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR  
16 CALCULATING AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP FOR  
17 THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTRATIVE  
18 REORGANIZATION OF SMALL SCHOOL  
19 DISTRICTS.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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25 SECTION 1. NOT TO BE CODIFIED. Intent. The General Assembly  
26 recognizes that the intent of basing administrative consolidation of small  
27 school districts on a two-year average was to provide temporary relief to  
28 school districts that were irreversibly losing enrollment. The General  
29 Assembly further recognizes that small school districts and the rural  
30 communities where they are located are more susceptible than larger  
31 communities to fluctuations in the economy that result in fluctuations in  
32 enrollment, both up and down. It is the intent of the General Assembly to  
33 provide a more stable basis for administrative consolidation of small school  
34 districts to minimize the effect of temporary fluctuations in enrollment due  
35 to changing economic conditions.  
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SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-13-1602 is amended to read as follows:  
6-13-1602. Administrative consolidation list.

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

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