| 1        | State of Arkansas                                                            | A D'11                                               |                 |  |
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| 2        | 90th General Assembly                                                        | A Bill                                               |                 |  |
| 3        | Regular Session, 2015                                                        |                                                      | HOUSE BILL 1586 |  |
| 4        |                                                                              |                                                      |                 |  |
| 5        | By: Representatives C. Douglas, Murdock                                      |                                                      |                 |  |
| 6        |                                                                              |                                                      |                 |  |
| 7        |                                                                              | For An Act To Be Entitled                            |                 |  |
| 8        | AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE                              |                                                      |                 |  |
| 9        | CONCERNING                                                                   | CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATIVE CONSOLIDATION LIST FOR |                 |  |
| 10       | SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.                                    |                                                      |                 |  |
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| 13       |                                                                              | Subtitle                                             |                 |  |
| 14       | TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE                                     |                                                      |                 |  |
| 15       | CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATIVE                                                |                                                      |                 |  |
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| 19       | BE IT ENACTED BY THE (                                                       | GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANS              | SAS:            |  |
| 20       |                                                                              |                                                      |                 |  |
| 21       | SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-13-1602 is amended to read as follows:          |                                                      |                 |  |
| 22       |                                                                              | nistrative consolidation list.                       |                 |  |
| 23       | By January 1 of each year, the Department of Education shall publish a:      |                                                      |                 |  |
| 24       | (1)(A) List of all school districts with fewer than three hundred            |                                                      |                 |  |
| 25       | fifty (350) students according to the school district average daily          |                                                      |                 |  |
| 26       | membership in the school year immediately preceding the current school year. |                                                      |                 |  |
| 27       | (B) The department shall assist a school district that is                    |                                                      |                 |  |
| 28       | placed on a list under subdivision (1)(A) of this section in developing a    |                                                      |                 |  |
| 29       | plan to reverse declining enrollment, based on best practices identified by  |                                                      |                 |  |
| 30       | the department; and                                                          |                                                      |                 |  |
| 31       | (2)(A) Consolidation list that includes all school districts with            |                                                      |                 |  |
| 32       | fewer than three hundred fifty (350) students according to the school        |                                                      |                 |  |
| 33       | district average daily membership in each of the two (2) three (3) school    |                                                      |                 |  |
| 34<br>25 | years immediately preceding the current school year.                         |                                                      |                 |  |
| 35<br>36 | (B)                                                                          | The department shall produce evidence                | <u> </u>        |  |
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