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A Bill

SENATE BILL 208

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF
9 1967; TO DEFINE THE TERM "MEETING" UNDER THE FREEDOM
10 OF INFORMATION ACT OF 1967; TO AMEND THE LAW
11 CONCERNING OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 25-19-103, concerning definitions under the
26 Freedom of Information Act of 1967, is amended to add an additional
27 subdivision to read as follows:

28 (10) "Meeting" means a gathering in which any matter relating to
29 a public entity on which action may be taken by the governing body is
30 discussed in person, by telephone, electronically, or by other means of
31 communication.
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33 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 25-19-106(a), concerning open public
34 meetings under the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, is amended to read as
35 follows:

36 (a) Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, all meetings,



1 formal or informal, special or regular, of two (2) or more members of the
2 governing bodies governing body of the following entities are public
3 meetings:

4 (1) ~~of all~~ All municipalities, counties, townships, ~~and school~~
5 ~~districts~~ schools, and other political subdivisions, and other subsidiary
6 organizations;

7 (2) ~~and all~~ All boards, bureaus, commissions, ~~or~~ organizations,
8 schools, and other public entities of the State of Arkansas, except grand
9 juries;

10 (3) All other public entities supported wholly or in part by
11 public funds or expending public funds, ~~shall be public meetings;~~ and

12 (4) All private entities that are:

13 (A) Supported wholly or in part by public funds or
14 expending public funds; and

15 (B) Engaged in activities or the provision of services
16 that:

17 (i) Would normally be provided by governmental
18 entities; or

19 (ii) Would be provided by governmental entities in
20 the absence of the private entity.

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