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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 208

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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

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



1 (a) Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, all meetings,  
2 formal or informal, special or regular, of two (2) or more members of the  
3 ~~governing bodies~~ governing body of the following entities are public  
4 meetings:

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

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

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

13 (4) All private entities that are:

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

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

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

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

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24 /s/D. Sullivan  
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