1 2	State of Arkansas 94th General Assembly	$\mathop{\mathrm{As}}_{\mathrm{Bill}}^{\mathit{Engrossed:}} \mathbb{S}^{4/6/23}$		
3	Regular Session, 2023	112111	SENATE BILL 355	
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5	By: Senators Caldwell, J. Pett	ry, J. Bryant		
6	By: Representatives Holcomb, J. Moore, Puryear, J. Mayberry			
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8	For An Act To Be Entitled			
9	AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO			
10	STORM SHELTERS FOR EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES UNDER THE			
11	ARKANSAS FIRE PREVENTION CODE; AND FOR OTHER			
12	PURPOSES.			
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15		Subtitle		
16	TO PE	ROVIDE FOR CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS		
17	RELAT	TED TO STORM SHELTERS FOR EDUCATIONA	L	
18	FACII	LITIES UNDER THE ARKANSAS FIRE		
19	PREVE	ENTION CODE.		
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22	BE IT ENACTED BY THE G	GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARK	ANSAS:	
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24	SECTION 1. Arka	ansas Code Title 12, Chapter 13, Sub	chapter l, is	
25	amended to add an additional section to read as follows:			
26	<u>12-13-120.</u> Arka	nsas Fire Prevention Code.		
27	(a) Before Janu	uary 1, 2025, the Arkansas Fire Prev	ention Code shall	
28	not require an educati	not require an educational facility, also known as a Group E occupancy, to		
29	have a storm shelter that has an occupant capacity that exceeds the total			
30	occupant load of the classrooms, vocational rooms, and offices.			
31	(b) Beginning January 1, 2025, the Arkansas Fire Prevention Code			
32	shall:			
33	(1) Ident	ify the educational facilities, als	o known as Group E	
34	occupancies, that are required to have a storm shelter; and			
35	(2) Require that the occupant capacity of a storm shelter for a			
36	Group E occupancy be d	letermined by:		

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1	(A) The total occupant load of the classrooms, vocational		
2	rooms, and offices in the Group E occupancy; and		
3	(B) For critical emergency operations, the occupant load		
4	of the building in which the storm shelter is located.		
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6	SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. Storm shelters for		
7	educational facilities before January 1, 2025.		
8	If an educational facility, also known as a Group E occupancy, begins		
9	construction for a storm shelter after the effective date of this act, the		
10	storm shelter shall comply with the standards stated in Arkansas Code § 12-		
11	13-120(b)(2).		
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