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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 355

5 By: Senators Caldwell, J. Petty, J. Bryant  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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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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## Subtitle

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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 13, Subchapter 1, is  
25 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

26 12-13-120. Arkansas Fire Prevention Code.

27 (a) Before January 1, 2025, the Arkansas Fire Prevention Code shall  
28 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) Identify the educational facilities, also 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 determined by:



