

Hall of the House of Representatives
94th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2023
Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 355

TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO STORM SHELTERS FOR EDUCATIONAL
FACILITIES UNDER THE ARKANSAS FIRE PREVENTION CODE.

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 355

Amend Senate Bill No. 355 as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 11, delete "CODE" and substitute "CODE; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY"

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety, and substitute the following:

"TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS
RELATED TO STORM SHELTERS FOR EDUCATIONAL
FACILITIES UNDER THE ARKANSAS FIRE
PREVENTION CODE; AND TO DECLARE AN
EMERGENCY."

AND

Immediately following SECTION 2 of the bill, add an additional section to read as follows:

"SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the most recent national and state fire codes created occupancy and load requirements for storm shelters in educational facilities; that some educational facilities had already secured funding for or started building storm shelters before the new occupancy and load requirements were adopted into the Arkansas Fire Prevention Code; that the occupancy and load requirements for storm shelters under the updated version of the Arkansas Fire Prevention Code create an extreme burden on the educational facilities that had already secured funding and started building storm shelters under the previous version of the



Arkansas Fire Prevention Code; that to ensure educational facilities can provide adequate storm shelters while maintaining financial soundness, the occupancy and load requirements for storm shelters for educational facilities should be delayed for those storm shelters that are already in process; and that this act is immediately necessary because educational facilities that have already begun the process to build storm shelters face extreme financial hardship that threatens the public peace and safety if they have to delay building a storm shelter until they have the funding to complete a storm shelter under the updated version of the Arkansas Fire Prevention Code. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or

(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto."

The Amendment was read _____
By: Representative Holcomb
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