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2 84th General Assembly **A Bill** **Act 1728 of 2003**

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5 By: Senator Baker

6 *By: Representative Dangeau*

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9 ### For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT REVISING PROVISIONS CONCERNING CONTINUING

11 EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR TEACHERS; AND FOR

12 OTHER PURPOSES.

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14 ### Subtitle

15 AN ACT REVISING PROVISIONS CONCERNING

16 CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR

17 TEACHERS.

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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-1004(c), concerning continuing

23 education for teachers, is amended to read as follows:

24 (c)(1) In order for teachers to be able to renew a license, they must

25 have participated in a continuing education and professional development

26 program based on their school improvement plans, performance evaluation

27 results, and student achievement scores.

28 *(2)(A) For purposes of the requirement for continuing education*

29 *and professional development under this section, a three-hour graduate-level*

30 *college credit course shall be counted as twelve (12) hours of professional*

31 *development, if the college credit is related to and enhances the teacher's*

32 *knowledge of the subject area in which the teacher is currently teaching or*

33 *is part of the requirements for the teacher to obtain additional*

34 *certification in a subject matter that has been designated by the Department*

35 *of Education as having critical shortage of teachers.*

36 *(B) Any credit for professional development claimed under*

1   *subdivision (c)(2) shall be approved by the Department of Education.*

2   (3) However, nothing in subdivision (c)(2) of this section shall

3   prevent or restrict a school district from requiring additional in-service

4   training.

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6   */s/ Baker*

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