ARKANSAS SENATE

88th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2011 **Amendment Form**

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 527

TO REQUIRE A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE IN-SERVICE TRAINING TO LICENSED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ON THE SIGNS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO CHILD VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE.

Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill No. 527

Amend Senate Bill No. 527 as engrossed, S3/9/11 (version: 3/9/2011 09:25:26 AM)

Page 1, delete lines 10-15, and substitute the following: "SIGNS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND OTHER FORMS OF CHILD MALTREATMENT AND THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO VICTIMS OF CHILD MALTREATMENT; TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS CHILD ABUSE/RAPE/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE TRAINING CURRICULUM; AND FOR"

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"TO REQUIRE A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE IN-SERVICE TRAINING TO LICENSED SCHOOL PERSONNEL CONCERNING CHILD MALTREATMENT."

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-61-133 is amended to read as follows: 6-61-133. Training for mandatory reporters and licensed elementary and secondary public school personnel.

- (a) As used in this section:
- (1) "Child maltreatment" means the abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, sexual exploitation, or abandonment of a child under the Child Maltreatment Act, § 12-18-101 et seq.; and
- (2) "Licensed school personnel" means a person who works with students in an elementary or secondary public school, a public charter school, a school district, or an education service cooperative for whom a



<u>license</u> issued by the State Board of Education is a condition of employment, including without limitation a:

- (A) School or school district administrator;
- (B) Teacher;
- (C) Coach for a school athletics program;
- (D) School counselor;
- (E) School social worker;
- (F) School psychologist; and
- (G) School nurse.
- (b) For each degree program at an institution of higher learning education in this state that is a prerequisite for licensure or certification in a profession in which the professional is a child maltreatment mandated reporter under the Child Maltreatment Act, § 12-18-101 et seq., the Department of Higher Education shall coordinate with all the institutions of higher education institutions to ensure that before receiving a degree, each graduate receives, including without limitation, the training identified in subsection (d) of this section institution institution institutions.
- (c) Licensed school personnel shall obtain the training identified in subsection (d) of this section within twelve (12) months of:
 - (1) The individual's initial licensure; and
 - (2) All subsequent renewals of the individual's license.
- (d) The training required under this section shall include without limitation:
- (1) Recognizing the signs and symptoms of child abuse and neglect maltreatment;
- (2) The legal requirements of the Child Maltreatment Act, 12-18-101 et seq., and the duties of mandated reporters under the act; and
- (3) Methods for managing disclosures regarding child victims: and
- (4) For licensed school personnel, connecting a victim of child maltreatment to appropriate in-school services and other agencies, programs, and services needed to provide the child with the emotional and educational support the child needs to continue to be successful in school.
 - (e)(1) The training may be obtained as in-person or online training.
- (2) The Arkansas Child Abuse/Rape/Domestic Violence Commission shall approve the curriculum for the training.
- (3) Licensed school personnel shall document completed training according to the rules of the State Board of Education.
- (f) Licensed school personnel may substitute for the required number of hours of staff development on parental involvement plans under § 6-15-1703 an equal number of hours of training obtained under this section."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and	
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