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1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
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4 **By: Representative Mahony**

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1304

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED § 6-13-629 TO
9 REQUIRE THAT ALL ELECTED MEMBERS OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT
10 BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL RECEIVE A MINIMUM OF SIX (6)
11 HOURS TRAINING, AND INSTRUCTION ANNUALLY UNDER THE
12 SUPERVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, THE ARKANSAS
13 SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION, EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVES,
14 OR THE ACADEMY FOR LEADERSHIP TRAINING AND THAT A SCHOOL
15 BOARD MEMBER SHALL BE INELIGIBLE FOR RE-ELECTION IF THE
16 MEMBER FAILS TO COMPLETE ANNUAL TRAINING AND INSTRUCTION;
17 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

19 "AN ACT TO REQUIRE ELECTED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS
20 TO HAVE ANNUAL TRAINING AND INSTRUCTION."
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Ann. §6-13-629 is hereby amended to read as
26 follows:

27 "(a) (1) All elected members of a school district board of directors
28 shall receive a minimum of *six (6)* hours training and instruction annually in
29 the school laws of this state and in the laws governing the powers, duties,
30 and responsibilities of school boards.

31 (2) This instruction *may be received from the Department of*
32 *Education, from in-service training programs conducted by the Arkansas School*
33 *Boards Association, from the Arkansas Leadership Academy, or from the*
34 *education service cooperatives.*

35 (3) Any school board member completing a course of instruction

1 shall receive a certification of completion from the *Department of Education*
2 or the *Arkansas School Boards Association*, and a copy shall be entered in the
3 minutes of the local school board on which he or she serves. Any school board
4 member serving as an instructor for a course taken by other school board
5 members to meet the requirements of subsection (a)(1) shall receive a
6 certificate of completion from the *Department of Education* or the *Arkansas*
7 *School Boards Association* for two (2) clock hours of training and instruction
8 for each clock hour of instruction presented, and a copy shall be entered in
9 the minutes of the local school board on which he or she serves.

10 (4) When an elected school board member fails to complete
11 required training and instruction during his or her term, which may not exceed
12 twelve (12) clock hours during any one (1) year, the member shall not be
13 certified to run for re-election by the board of election commissioners of the
14 county.

15 (5) The Department of Education is hereby authorized to waive the
16 requirements of subsection (a)(1) when a school board member can demonstrate
17 sufficient cause for doing so.

18 (b) Local school district boards of directors are authorized to pay per
19 diem and other necessary expenses from funds belonging to the school district
20 and to reimburse school board directors for expenses incurred in attending in-
21 service workshops, conferences, and other courses of training and instruction
22 required in completing a *minimum of six (6) hours* of instruction as required
23 in subsection (a) of this section."

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25 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
26 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
27 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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29 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
30 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
31 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
32 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
33 act are declared to be severable.

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35 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are

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1 hereby repealed.

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