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A Bill

SENATE BILL 570

4 **By: Senators Chaffin, Jewell, Hopkins, Gwatney, Hardin, Todd, Bookout, and Smith**

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6, CHAPTER 17, SUBCHAPTER 7 BY
9 ADDING A NEW SECTION TO PROVIDE THAT TEACHERS MAY ATTEND
10 STAFF DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS AT THE ANNUAL ARKANSAS
11 EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (AEA) CONVENTION TOWARD FULFILLING
12 STAFF DEVELOPMENT REQUIRED BY THE STANDARDS FOR
13 ACCREDITATION OF ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER
14 PURPOSES."

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Subtitle

17 "TO PERMIT TEACHERS TO ATTEND AEA STAFF DEVELOPMENT
18 SESSIONS AND APPLY THE HOURS TOWARD STAFF DEVELOPMENT
19 ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS."

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

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23 SECTION 1. Title 6, Chapter 17 of the Arkansas Code Annotated is hereby
24 amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

25 "6-17-702.

26 (a) (1) No school district shall deny a teacher the opportunity to
27 attend instructional staff development sessions of the annual Arkansas
28 Education Association (AEA) convention. Teachers may count up to two (2) days
29 of five and one-half (5 1/2) hours each of attendance at instructional
30 professional development sessions of the annual AEA convention toward
31 fulfillment of the five (5) days of staff development required by the
32 Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools, *provided that the*
33 *sessions have been certified by the State Department of Education.*

34 (2) *The State Board of Education is hereby authorized to*
35 *promulgate rules and regulations to implement the certification process.*

1 (b) No provision of this section shall be interpreted as authorizing a
2 local school employee to refrain from attending meetings and workshops
3 designed to implement restructuring mandated by Act 236 of 1991, codified at
4 §6-15-1001 et seq."

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

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11 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
12 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
13 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
14 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
15 act are declared to be severable.

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17 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
18 hereby repealed.

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/s/Senators Chaffin et al.

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