

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
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3 Regular Session, 2003

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2237

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF HOURS OF  
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12 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-13-629 is amended to read as follows:  
24 6-13-629. Training and instruction - Reimbursement.

25 (a)(1)(A) All members of a school district board of directors elected  
26 at each annual school election shall ~~receive a minimum of six (6) hours~~  
27 ~~training and instruction in instruction in the school laws of this state and~~  
28 ~~in the laws governing the powers, duties, and responsibilities of school~~  
29 ~~boards~~ complete a concentrated thirty (30) hours of training within six (6)  
30 months from the date of annual school election from which they are elected.

31 (B) The training of the board of directors shall include topics  
32 relevant to school laws, school operations and the member's powers, duties,  
33 and responsibilities as board of directors' members, including but not  
34 limited to, legal requirements, role differentiation, financial management,  
35 and improving student achievement.

36 (2) This instruction ~~may~~ shall be provided by and received from ~~an~~



1 ~~institution of higher learning in this state, from instruction sponsored by~~  
2 ~~the Department of Education, or by an in-service training program conducted~~  
3 ~~by the Arkansas School Boards Association or its designee.~~

4 (3) Any school board member completing a course of instruction  
5 shall receive a certification of completion, and a copy shall be entered into  
6 the minutes of the local school board on which he or she serves.

7 ~~(4) Upon having completed the course of instruction meeting the~~  
8 ~~minimum requirements of this section, it shall not be necessary for a school~~  
9 ~~board member to take an additional course of instruction upon being reelected~~  
10 ~~to the school board.~~

11 (b) Local school district boards of directors are authorized to pay  
12 per diem and other necessary expenses from funds belonging to the school  
13 district and to reimburse school board directors for expenses incurred in  
14 attending in-service workshops, conferences, and other courses of training  
15 and instruction required ~~in completing a minimum of six (6) hours of~~  
16 ~~instruction as required~~ in subsection (a) of this section.

17 (c) If any member of a board of directors fails to complete the  
18 training requirements in subsection (a) of this section, a vacancy shall  
19 exist on the board beginning six (6) months and one (1) day after the date of  
20 the annual school election.

21 (2) Vacancies under this subsection (c) shall be filled in  
22 accordance with § 6-13-611.

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