

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
2 84th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2003
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2680

5 By: Representative Mahony
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE SIXTY (60) HOURS OF STAFF
10 DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS; AND
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

13 AN ACT TO REQUIRE SIXTY (60) HOURS OF
14 STAFF DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS AND
15 ADMINISTRATORS.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-702 is amended to read as follows:
22 6-17-702. Staff development sessions.

23 (a)(1)(A) No school district shall deny certified personnel the
24 opportunity to attend certified instructional staff development sessions
25 conducted by bona fide professional organizations within the State of
26 Arkansas.

27 (B) Certified personnel may count up to ~~two (2) days of~~
28 ~~five and one half (5½) hours each~~ eleven (11) hours of attendance at
29 instructional professional development sessions conducted by bona fide
30 professional organizations toward fulfillment of the ~~five (5) days~~ sixty (60)
31 hours of staff development required by the Standards for Accreditation of
32 Arkansas Public Schools, provided the sessions have been certified by the
33 Department of Education.

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

36 (b) No provision of this section shall be interpreted as authorizing a



1 local school employee to refrain from attending meetings and workshops
2 designed to implement restructuring mandated by § 6-15-1001 et seq.

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4 SECTION 2. No later than September 1, 2004, the State Board of
5 Education shall require no less than sixty (60) hours of professional
6 development and in-service training for teachers and administrators annually;
7 and shall amend the Standards of Accreditation of Arkansas Schools to reflect
8 the requirements of this section.

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