

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.

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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 881

5 By: Senator Baker  
6 By: Representative Dangeau  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT REVISING PROVISIONS CONCERNING CONTINUING  
11 EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR TEACHERS; AND FOR  
12 OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

15 AN ACT REVISING PROVISIONS CONCERNING  
16 CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR  
17 TEACHERS.

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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-1004(c), concerning continuing  
23 education for teachers, is amended to read as follows:

24 (c)(1) In order for teachers to be able to renew a license, they must  
25 have participated in a continuing education and professional development  
26 program based on their school improvement plans, performance evaluation  
27 results, and student achievement scores.

28 (2)(A) For purposes of the requirement for continuing education  
29 and professional development under this section, a three-hour graduate-level  
30 college credit course shall be counted as twelve (12) hours of professional  
31 development, if the college credit is related to and enhances the teacher's  
32 knowledge of the subject area in which the teacher is currently teaching or  
33 is part of the requirements for the teacher to obtain additional  
34 certification in a subject matter that has been designated by the Department  
35 of Education as having critical shortage of teachers.

36 (B) Any credit for professional development claimed under



1 subdivision (c)(2) shall be approved by the Department of Education.  
2 (3) However, nothing in subdivision (c)(2) of this section shall  
3 prevent or restrict a school district from requiring additional in-service  
4 training.

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