

1 State of Arkansas
2 84th General Assembly
3 Second Extraordinary Session, 2003
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Call Item 4

A Bill

SENATE BILL 16

5 By: Senator J. Bookout
6 By: Representatives P. Bookout, Borhauer
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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR TEACHERS
11 DAILY PLANNING PERIODS TO ALLOW FLEXIBILITY FOR
12 TEACHERS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO PLAN THE SCHOOL
13 DAY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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19 DISTRICTS TO PLAN THE SCHOOL DAY.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-114(a), pertaining to daily planning
25 periods for teachers, is amended to read as follows:

26 6-17-114. Daily planning period.

27 (a)(1) Effective beginning the 2003-2004 school year, each school
28 district in this state shall provide a minimum of two hundred (200) minutes
29 each week ~~for each teacher to schedule~~ of scheduled time for conferences,
30 instructional planning, and preparation for all classroom teachers employed
31 by the district.

32 (2) The planning time shall be in increments of no less than
33 ~~forty (40)~~ thirty (30) minutes.
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35 SECTION 2. This act shall apply retroactively to the 2003-2004 school
36 year.



1 SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
2 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that Act 462 of 2003 changed the
3 requirements for teacher's-planning periods in a manner the created a
4 hardship for both teachers and school districts; that the unnecessary burden
5 made it impossible for teachers and school districts to effectively plan
6 class schedules necessary to provide meaningful instruction to school
7 children; and that this act is immediately necessary to correct any hardship
8 created by Act 462 of 2003 for the 2003-2004 school year. Therefore, an
9 emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for
10 the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become
11 effective on:

12 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

13 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
14 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
15 bill; or

16 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
17 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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