

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 85th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2005

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1395

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5 By: Representative Burris
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT BY
10 ALLOWING CREDIT FOR TEACHERS TAKING COLLEGE
11 COURSES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE PROFESSIONAL
15 DEVELOPMENT BY ALLOWING CREDIT FOR
16 TEACHERS TAKING COLLEGE COURSES.
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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 § 6-15-1004(c)(2)(A), concerning professional
22 development credit for teachers, is amended to read as follows:

23 (2)(A) For purposes of the requirement for continuing education
24 and professional development under this section, a three-hour graduate-level
25 college credit course shall be counted as ~~twelve (12) hours~~ one-half (1/2) of
26 the professional development hours required for teachers under the Standards
27 for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools if the college credit is
28 ~~related~~;

29 (i) Related to and enhances the teacher's knowledge
30 of the subject area in which the teacher is currently teaching ~~or is part~~;

31 (ii) Part of the requirements for the teacher to
32 obtain additional certification in a subject matter that has been designated
33 by the Department of Education as having a critical shortage of teachers;

34 (iii) Part of the requirements for the teacher to
35 obtain certification for a different certification level, including, but not
36 limited to, guidance counselor, principal, superintendent, special education,



1 or speech-language pathology; or
2 (iv) Otherwise approved by the Department of
3 Education as a graduate level course eligible for professional development
4 credit.

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