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# A Bill

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE  
9 ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR  
10 PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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14 TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE  
15 ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PROFESSIONAL  
16 DEVELOPMENT FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS.  
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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 § 6-5-405(b) and (c), concerning professional  
22 development requirements, are amended to read as follows:

23 (b) ~~Beginning with the 2009 calendar year, professional~~ Professional  
24 development on the availability of, eligibility requirements for, and the  
25 process of applying for state-supported student financial assistance shall be  
26 required for:

27 (1) All public school superintendents and assistant  
28 superintendents; and

29 (2) The following licensed personnel at a public school where  
30 students are enrolled in grade seven through grade twelve (7-12):

31 (A) Principals;

32 (B) Assistant principals; and

33 (C) Guidance counselors.

34 (c)(1) *The first course shall be a three-hour course to be taken*  
35 ~~within calendar year 2009, or within the first year of employment that the~~  
36 teacher or administrator is:



1 (A) Licensed;

2 (B) Employed in a public school;

3 (C) Assigned to a new position as a guidance counselor; or

4 (D) Assigned to any new position and has not previously  
5 completed the three-hour course.

6 (2) After the first three-hour course is completed, a one-hour  
7 course is required to be completed ~~annually~~ not less than one (1) time every  
8 three (3) years.

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10 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-15-1703 is amended to read as follows:

11 6-15-1703. Staff development.

12 (a) The State Board of Education's Standards for Accreditation of  
13 Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts shall require:

14 (1) No fewer than two (2) hours of professional development  
15 opportunities every three (3) years, for teachers, which may be included in  
16 the minimum number of hours of professional development required, designed to  
17 enhance understanding of effective parental involvement strategies; and

18 (2) No fewer than ~~three (3)~~ two (2) hours of professional  
19 development opportunities every three (3) years for administrators, in  
20 addition to the minimum number of hours of professional development required,  
21 designed to enhance understanding of:

22 (A) Effective parent involvement strategies; and

23 (B) The importance of administrative leadership in setting  
24 *expectations and creating a climate conducive to parental participation.*

25 (b) A teacher or administrator shall complete the professional  
26 development required under this section in the first year he or she is:

27 (1) Licensed;

28 (2) Employed in a public school; or

29 (3) Assigned to a new position in a public school and has not  
30 previously obtained the professional development applicable to the new  
31 position.

32 (c) *Each school district shall provide training at least annually for*  
33 *volunteers who assist in an instructional program for parents.*

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35 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-17-703(a), concerning in-service training  
36 for Arkansas history, is amended to add an additional section to read as

1 follows:

2 (a) Every school district in this state shall provide two (2) hours of  
3 substantive and meaningful in-service training in Arkansas history ~~each~~  
4 ~~school year~~ for its teachers who provide instruction in Arkansas *history*;

5 *(1) In the first year a teacher provides instruction in Arkansas*  
6 *history; and*

7 *(2) Not less than one (1) time every three (3) years.*

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