

"AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE PROFESSIONAL WORKING CONDITIONS OF CLASSROOM TEACHERS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THIS STATE, BY PROVIDING THAT EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE TO EACH CLASSROOM TEACHER AT LEAST A THIRTY-MINUTE, UNINTERRUPTED DUTY-FREE LUNCH PERIOD, DAILY, AND TO THEREBY MAKE TEACHING MORE ATTRACTIVE AS A PROFESSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. For a minimum of 80% of the student contact days, each school district in the State shall provide at least a thirty-minute, uninterrupted, duty-free lunch period for each certified school employee in its employment. Districts currently providing an uninterrupted, duty-free lunch shall continue to do so in 1987-88. Lunch room supervisors who have been in-serviced may be volunteers, noncertified personnel or aides.

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This Act shall be effective with the 1987-88 school year and each school year thereafter.

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