

"AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT ALL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED IN 1988, AND THEREAFTER, SHALL RECEIVE AT LEAST SIX HOURS OF INSTRUCTION AND TRAINING WITHIN ONE YEAR AFTER THEIR ELECTION IN THE DUTIES OF SCHOOL BOARDS AND THE SCHOOL LAWS OF THIS STATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. All school board members elected in the school election of 1988, and at each annual school election thereafter, shall receive a minimum of six (6) hours training and instruction in the school laws of this State, and the laws governing the powers, duties and responsibilities of school boards. Such instruction may be received from an institution of higher learning in this State, from instruction sponsored by the State Department of Education, or by an in-service training program conducted by the Arkansas School Boards Association. Any school board member completing such course of instruction shall receive a certification of completion thereof, and a copy shall be entered in the minutes of the local school board on which he/she serves. Upon having completed such course of instruction meeting the minimum requirements of this Act, it shall not be necessary for a school board member to take an additional course of instruction upon being reelected to the school board.

SECTION 2. Local school boards are hereby authorized to pay per diem and other necessary, expenses from funds belonging to the school district, to reimburse school board members for expenses incurred in attending in-service work shops, conferences, and other courses of training and instruction required in completing a minimum of six hours of instruction as required in Section 1 of this Act.

SECTION 3. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

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