

1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **80th General Assembly**  
3 **Regular Session, 1995**

# **A Bill**

**ACT 663 OF 1995**  
**HOUSE BILL 1761**

4 **By: Representatives Bisbee, Hill, Fletcher, Simon, T. Smith, and Hendren**

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## **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARK. CODE § 6-17-702 TO PROVIDE THAT  
9 CERTIFIED PERSONNEL MAY ATTEND STAFF DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS  
10 CONDUCTED BY BONA FIDE PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN  
11 MEETING STANDARDS FOR ACCREDITATION OF ARKANSAS PUBLIC  
12 SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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## **Subtitle**

15 "TO PROVIDE THAT CERTIFIED PERSONNEL MAY  
16 ATTEND STAFF DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS  
17 CONDUCTED BY BONA FIDE PROFESSIONAL  
18 ORGANIZATIONS."

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

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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-17-702 is hereby amended to read  
23 as follows:

24 "6-17-702. Staff development sessions.

25 (a) (1) No school district shall deny certified personnel the  
26 opportunity to attend *certified* instructional staff development sessions  
27 conducted by bona fide professional organizations *within the State of*  
28 *Arkansas*. Certified personnel may count up to two (2) days of five and  
29 one-half (5 1/2) hours each of attendance at instructional professional  
30 development sessions conducted by bona fide professional organizations toward  
31 fulfillment of the five (5) days of staff development required by the  
32 Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools, provided that the  
33 sessions have been certified by the State Department of Education.

34 (2) The State Board of Education is hereby authorized to  
35 promulgate rules and regulations to implement the certification process.

36 (b) No provision of this section shall be interpreted as authorizing a

1 local school employee to refrain from attending meetings and workshops  
2 designed to implement restructuring mandated by § 6-15-1001 et seq."

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4 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
5 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
6 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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8 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
9 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
10 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
11 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
12 act are declared to be severable.

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14 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
15 hereby repealed.

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*/s/Rep. Bisbee, et al*

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