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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1154

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT ANY INCREASES IN PROFESSIONAL
10 DEVELOPMENT FUNDING EACH SCHOOL YEAR BE USED FOR
11 PROFESSIONAL *LEARNING* COMMUNITIES; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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17 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING EACH
18 SCHOOL YEAR BE USED FOR PROFESSIONAL
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(b)(5), concerning professional
25 development funding, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as
26 follows:

27 (C)(i) Additional funding provided for professional
28 development above the amount in subdivision (b)(5)(A) of this section shall
29 be used by the Department of Education for the development and administration
30 of professional learning communities for the benefit of public school
31 districts.

32 (ii)(a) The Department of Education shall promulgate
33 rules to administer the additional professional development funding under
34 subdivision (b)(5)(C)(i) of this section.

35 (b) The Department of Education may partner
36 with or choose a person, firm, corporation, or education service cooperative



1 to provide the knowledge, skills, experience, and expertise for the
2 development of a research-based process for the implementation of
3 professional learning communities.

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