

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

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HOUSE BILL 1272

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5 By: Representatives Blount, Allen, T. Baker, Cash, Davis, Hardy, House, Hoyt, Rainey, J. Roebuck,
6 Shelby, Stewart

7 By: Senators Elliott, Steele

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11 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

12 AN ACT TO INCREASE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN
13 ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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15 **Subtitle**

16 TO INCREASE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN
17 ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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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 § 6-15-1702(b)(5), concerning a public school
23 parental involvement plan, is amended to read as follows:

24 (5)(A) Acknowledge that parents play an integral role in
25 assisting student learning.

26 (B) To help parents in assisting students, the school
27 shall:

28 (i) Schedule regular parent involvement meetings at
29 which parents are given a report on the state of the school and an overview
30 of:

- 31 (a) What students will be learning;
32 (b) How students will be assessed;
33 (c) What parents should expect for their
34 child's education; and
35 (d) How a parent can assist and make a



1 difference in his or her child's education;

2 (ii) Provide instruction to a parent on how to
3 incorporate developmentally appropriate learning activities in the home
4 environment, including without limitation:

5 (a) Role play and demonstration by trained
6 volunteers;

7 (b) The use of and access to Department of
8 Education website tools for parents;

9 (c) Assistance with nutritional meal planning
10 and preparation; and

11 (d) Other strategies or curricula developed or
12 acquired by the school district for at-home parental instruction approved by
13 the Department of Education; and

14 ~~(ii)~~ (iii) Engage in other activities determined by
15 the school to help a parent assist in his or her child's learning;

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

18 6-15-1703. Staff development.

19 (a) ~~By September 1, 2003, the~~ The State Board of Education's Standards
20 for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts shall
21 require:

22 (1) ~~no~~ No fewer than two (2) hours of professional development
23 opportunities for teachers, which may be included in the ~~thirty (30)~~ minimum
24 number of hours of professional development required, ~~as of January 1, 2003,~~
25 designed to enhance understanding of effective parental involvement
26 strategies; and

27 ~~(b) (2)~~ (2) ~~By September 1, 2003, the State Board of Education's~~
28 ~~Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts~~
29 ~~shall require no~~ No fewer than three (3) hours of professional development
30 opportunities for administrators, in addition to the ~~thirty (30)~~ minimum
31 number of hours of professional development required, ~~as of January 1, 2003,~~
32 designed to enhance understanding of:

33 ~~(1)~~ (A) Effective parent involvement strategies; and

34 ~~(2)~~ (B) The importance of administrative leadership in
35 setting expectations and creating a climate conducive to parental
36 participation.

