## 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.

## Act 397 of the Regular Session

1	State of Arkansas	As Engro	ssed: H2/13/09 S3/3/09		
2	87th General Assembly		A Bill		
3	Regular Session, 2009			HOUSE BILL 127	2
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5	By: Representatives Blount, A	llen, T. Baker,	Cash, Davis, Hardy, H	ouse, Hoyt, Rainey, J. Roebuck,	
6	Shelby, Stewart				
7	By: Senators Elliott, Steele				
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11		For An A	Act To Be Entitle	d	
12	AN ACT TO	) INCREASE F	PARENTAL INVOLVEM	ENT IN	
13	ARKANSAS	PUBLIC SCHO	OOLS; AND FOR OTH	ER PURPOSES.	
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15			Subtitle		
16	TO INC	CREASE PAREN	TAL INVOLVEMENT	IN	
17	ARKANS	SAS PUBLIC S	SCHOOLS.		
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20	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GE	NERAL ASSEM	BLY OF THE STATE	OF ARKANSAS:	
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22				concerning a public school	_
23	parental involvement pl				
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25 26	assisting student learn	_	onta in oggistins	atudonta the achoel	
20 27	(B) shall:	To neip par	ents in assisting	g students, the school	
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20 29	which parents are given		-	ne school and an overview	
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31	01.	(a)	What students wi	11 he learning:	
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34	child's education; and	(0)	paronos one		
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     difference in his or her child's education;
                             (ii) Provide instruction to a parent on how to
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     incorporate developmentally appropriate learning activities in the home
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     environment, including without limitation:
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                                   (a) Role play and demonstration by trained
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     volunteers;
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                                  (b) The use of and access to Department of
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     Education website tools for parents;
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                                   (c) Assistance with nutritional meal planning
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     and preparation; and
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                                  (d) Other strategies or curricula developed or
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     acquired by the school district for at-home parental instruction approved by
     the Department of Education; and
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                             (iii) Engage in other activities determined by
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     the school to help a parent assist in his or her child's learning;
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           SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-15-1703 is amended to read as follows:
           6-15-1703. Staff development.
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           (a) By September 1, 2003, the The State Board of Education's Standards
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     for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts shall
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     require:
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                 (1) no No fewer than two (2) hours of professional development
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     opportunities for teachers, which may be included in the thirty (30) minimum
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     number of hours of professional development required, as of January 1, 2003,
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     designed to enhance understanding of effective parental involvement
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     strategies+; and
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                 (b) (2) By September 1, 2003, the State Board of Education's
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     Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts
     shall require no No fewer than three (3) hours of professional development
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     opportunities for administrators, in addition to the thirty (30) minimum
     number of hours of professional development required, as of January 1, 2003,
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     designed to enhance understanding of:
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                       (1) (A) Effective parent involvement strategies; and
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                       (2) (B) The importance of administrative leadership in
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     setting expectations and creating a climate conducive to parental
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     participation.
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1	(b) Each school district shall provide training at least annually for				
2	volunteers who assist in an instructional program for parents.				
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4	SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-15-1705 is amended to read as follows:				
5	6-15-1705. Incorporation of parental involvement into teacher				
6	education programs.				
7	The Department of Education and the Department of Higher Education				
8	shall collaborate with institutions of higher education to incorporate into				
9	teacher <u>and administrator</u> education programs <u>information</u> <u>instruction</u>				
10	regarding:				
11	(1) the The importance of parental involvement; and				
12	(2) how to successfully encourage Successful strategies for				
13	encouraging parents to be partners in their child's education; and				
14	(3) The relationship between cultural diversity and parental				
15	<u>involvement</u> .				
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17	/s/ Blount				
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