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# A Bill

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SENATE BILL 691

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5 By: Senator A. Clark

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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*AN ACT TO ADD TEACHERS IN GRADES FIVE (5) AND SIX (6)*

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*AS TEACHERS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL*

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*COMPENSATION FOR VOLUNTEERING TO TEACH MORE THAN THE*

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*MAXIMUM NUMBER OF STUDENTS PERMITTED; TO DECLARE AN*

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*EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

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## Subtitle

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*SIX (6) AS TEACHERS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE*

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*STUDENTS PERMITTED; AND TO DECLARE AN*

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*EMERGENCY.*

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

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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-812(a), concerning teachers receiving

27 additional compensation for volunteering to teach more than the maximum

28 number of students permitted per day, is amended to read as follows:

29 (a)(1) If a teacher in ~~grades seven through twelve (7-12)~~ grades five

30 through twelve (5-12) volunteers to teach more than the maximum number of

31 students permitted per day under the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas

32 Public Schools and School Districts or subdivision (a)(4)(A) of this section,

33 then the teacher's pay under his or her contract shall be increased by an

34 amount proportionate to the teacher's base pay and the additional number of

35 students taught by the teacher.

36 (2) Subdivision (a)(1) of this section permits a teacher to



1 volunteer to teach more than the maximum number of students permitted per  
2 day under the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and  
3 School Districts or subdivision (a)(4)(A) of this section but does not permit  
4 a teacher to exceed the maximum class size permitted under the Standards for  
5 Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts.

6 (3) A teacher in ~~grades seven through twelve (7-12)~~ grades five  
7 through twelve (5-12) may volunteer to use his or her conference period  
8 during the day to teach an additional class period or to teach more than the  
9 maximum number of students per day and shall be compensated at a ~~pro-rated~~  
10 prorated portion of his or her contract for both the extra class period and  
11 for every additional student he or she teaches over the maximum number of  
12 students permitted per day under the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas  
13 Public Schools and School Districts or subdivision (a)(4)(A) of this section.

14 (4)(A) The maximum number of students a teacher in grades five  
15 through twelve (5-12) is permitted to teach without receiving additional  
16 compensation under this section shall not exceed one hundred fifty (150)  
17 students.

18 (B) The Department of Education shall include in the  
19 Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts  
20 the maximum number of students under subdivision (a)(4)(A) of this section.

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22 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
23 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that there is a shortage of  
24 teachers in the public schools of this state; that some teachers are willing  
25 to volunteer to teach for additional compensation more than the maximum  
26 number of students allowed under the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas  
27 Public Schools and School Districts; and that this act is immediately  
28 necessary to allow public school districts time to procure agreements with  
29 teachers to teach more than the maximum number of students allowed under the  
30 Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts  
31 for the 2017-2018 school year. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist,  
32 and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public  
33 peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

34 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

35 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,  
36 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the

1 bill; or

2 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is  
3 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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5 /s/A. Clark

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