

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL

11 EDUCATOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT; TO DECLARE AN

12 EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC

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SCHOOL EDUCATOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT;

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AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

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23 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-5-405 is repealed.*

24 ~~6-5-405. Professional development for higher education awareness.~~

25 ~~(a) As used in this section, "state-supported student financial~~
26 ~~assistance" means:~~

27 ~~(1) A state-supported scholarship or grant awarded by the~~
28 ~~Department of Higher Education; and~~

29 ~~(2) A scholarship, grant, or tuition waiver awarded by an~~
30 ~~institution of higher education in this state funded in whole or in part with~~
31 ~~state funds.~~

32 ~~(b) Beginning with the 2009 calendar year, professional development on~~
33 ~~the availability of, eligibility requirements for, and the process of~~
34 ~~applying for state-supported student financial assistance shall be required~~
35 ~~for:~~

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~~(1) All public school superintendents and assistant~~



1 ~~superintendents; and~~

2 ~~(2) The following licensed personnel at a public school where~~
 3 ~~students are enrolled in grade seven through grade twelve (7-12):~~

4 ~~(A) Principals;~~

5 ~~(B) Assistant principals; and~~

6 ~~(C) Guidance counselors.~~

7 ~~(e)(1) The first course shall be a three hour course to be taken~~
 8 ~~within calendar year 2009, or within the first year of employment.~~

9 ~~(2) After the first three hour course is completed, a one hour~~
 10 ~~course is required to be completed annually.~~

11 ~~(d) The professional development hours required under this section~~
 12 ~~shall be counted toward the sixty (60) hours of the professional development~~
 13 ~~required for licensed school personnel under the Standards for Accreditation~~
 14 ~~of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts.~~

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 16 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-17-703 is amended to read as follows:

17 6-17-703. Arkansas history in-service training.

18 (a) ~~Every school district in this state~~ A school district shall
 19 provide two (2) hours of substantive and meaningful ~~in-service training~~
 20 professional development in Arkansas history ~~each school year~~ for
 21 its teachers who provide instruction in Arkansas history according to the
 22 professional development schedule under § 6-17-709.

23 (b) The school district may provide the professional development:

24 ~~(1) contract~~ By contracting with an education service cooperative
 25 ~~to provide the training; or~~

26 ~~(2) By using the Arkansas Online Professional Development~~
 27 Initiative under § 6-17-707.

28 (c) The ~~in-service training~~ professional development under this
 29 section shall count toward satisfaction of requirements for professional
 30 development in the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and
 31 School Districts.

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 33 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-17-704(a), concerning a professional
 34 development plan, is amended to read as follows:

35 (a) As used in this section, "professional development" means a set of
 36 ~~set of~~ coordinated planned learning activities for teachers, administrators,

1 and ~~classified~~ nonlicensed school employees that ~~are standards-based and~~
2 ~~continuous;~~

3 (1) Is required by statute or the Department of Education; or

4 (2) Meets the following criteria:

5 (A) Is part of the minimum number of professional
6 development hours required by law or by the department;

7 (B) Improves the knowledge, skills, and effectiveness of
8 teachers;

9 (C) Improves the knowledge and skills of administrators
10 and paraprofessionals concerning effective instructional strategies, methods,
11 and skills;

12 (D) Leads to improved student academic achievement; and

13 (E) Is research-based and standards-based.

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15 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-17-704(c)(1), concerning a professional
16 development plan, is amended to read as follows:

17 (c)(1) ~~Beginning with school year 2004-2005, each~~ Annually, each
18 school district shall prepare a professional development plan.

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20 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 6-17-704(e), concerning a professional
21 development plan, is amended to read as follows:

22 ~~(e)(1) The professional development offerings may meet the objectives~~
23 ~~of subdivision (e)(2) of this section developed by the National Staff~~
24 ~~Development Council and shall comply with the rules of the State Board of~~
25 ~~Education governing professional development.~~

26 ~~(2) Professional development that improves the learning of all~~
27 ~~students;~~

28 ~~(A) Requires skillful school and school district leaders~~
29 ~~who guide continuous instructional improvement;~~

30 ~~(B) Organizes educators into learning communities whose~~
31 ~~goals are aligned with those of the school and school district;~~

32 ~~(C) Provides resources to support educator learning and~~
33 ~~collaboration;~~

34 ~~(D) Uses disaggregated student data to determine educator~~
35 ~~learning priorities, monitor progress, and help sustain continuous~~
36 ~~improvements;~~

1 ~~(E) Uses multiple sources of information to guide educator~~
 2 ~~improvement and demonstrate its impact;~~

3 ~~(F) Prepares educators to apply research to decision~~
 4 ~~making;~~

5 ~~(G) Uses learning strategies appropriate to the intended~~
 6 ~~goal;~~

7 ~~(H) Applies knowledge about human learning and change;~~

8 ~~(I) Prepares educators to understand and appreciate all~~
 9 ~~students;~~

10 ~~(J) Creates safe, orderly, and supportive learning~~
 11 ~~environments;~~

12 ~~(K) Holds high expectations for the students' academic~~
 13 ~~achievement;~~

14 ~~(L) Deepens educators' content knowledge;~~

15 ~~(M) Provides educators with research-based instructional~~
 16 ~~strategies to assist students in meeting rigorous academic standards;~~

17 ~~(N) Prepares educators to use various types of classroom~~
 18 ~~assessments appropriately;~~

19 ~~(O) Provides educators with knowledge and skills to~~
 20 ~~appropriately involve families and other stakeholders in education;~~

21 ~~(P) Provides educators with knowledge and skills needed to~~
 22 ~~teach students with disabilities, including without limitation autism; and~~

23 ~~(Q) Provides educators with knowledge and skills needed to~~
 24 ~~teach culturally and linguistically diverse students.~~

25 (e) The professional development under this section:

26 (1) Shall comply with the Arkansas Department of Education Rules
 27 Governing Professional Development; and

28 (2) May provide educators with knowledge and skills needed to
 29 teach:

30 (A) Students with disabilities, including without
 31 limitation autism; and

32 (B) Culturally and linguistically diverse students.

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 34 SECTION 6. Arkansas Code §6-17-708 is amended to read as follows:

35 6-17-708. Teen suicide awareness and prevention in-service training.

36 (a)(1) ~~Beginning in the 2012-2013 school year, the~~ The Department of

1 Education shall require two (2) hours of ~~in-service training~~ professional
2 development in teen suicide awareness and prevention ~~one (1) time every five~~
3 ~~(5) school years~~ for licensed public school personnel according to the
4 professional development schedule under § 6-17-709.

5 (2) The ~~in-service training~~ professional development under this
6 section may be accomplished through self-review of suitable suicide
7 prevention materials approved by the department.

8 (b) The ~~in-service training~~ professional development under this
9 section shall count toward the satisfaction of requirements for professional
10 development in the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and
11 School Districts and for licensure requirements for licensed personnel.

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13 SECTION 7. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 17, Subchapter 7, is amended
14 to add an additional section to read as follows:

15 6-17-709. Professional development schedule.

16 (a) Beginning with the 2013-2014 school year, a school district or an
17 open-enrollment public charter school shall make available to the appropriate
18 licensed personnel the following professional development:

19 (1) In the 2013-2014 school year and every fourth school year
20 thereafter, the professional development for mandated reporters and licensed
21 elementary and secondary public school personnel required under § 6-61-133;

22 (2) In the 2014-2015 school year and every fourth school year
23 thereafter, the parental involvement professional development under § 6-15-
24 1703;

25 (3) In the 2015-2016 school year and every fourth school year
26 thereafter, the teen suicide awareness and prevention professional
27 development required under § 6-17-708; and

28 (4) In the 2016-2017 school year and every fourth school year
29 thereafter, the Arkansas history professional development required under § 6-
30 17-703.

31 (b)(1) Two (2) hours of the professional development required by
32 subsection (a) of this section shall be counted in one (1) school year toward
33 the minimum number of hours of professional development required for licensed
34 educators under the Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing
35 Professional Development.

36 (2) If additional hours are obtained by a licensed educator, the

1 school district may count those hours as part of the minimum number of hours
2 of professional development required for licensed educators under the
3 Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing Professional Development.

4 (c) Annually, the State Board of Education may require up to six (6)
5 hours of integrated professional development for licensed educators in
6 educational technology.

7 (d) The Department of Education shall establish the curriculum under
8 this section in collaboration with educational agencies and associations
9 including without limitation the:

10 (1) Department of Higher Education;

11 (2) Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators;

12 (3) Arkansas Education Association;

13 (4) Arkansas School Boards Association;

14 (5) Arkansas Association for Supervision and Curriculum

15 Development;

16 (6) Arkansas State Teachers Association; and

17 (7) Arkansas Rural Education Association.

18 (e)(1) The professional development under this subsection shall not
19 be provided by a school district but shall be provided by:

20 (A) The Department of Education;

21 (B) An institutions of higher education; or

22 (C) Providers approved by the Department of Education.

23 (2)(A) Before a person receives a building level administrator's
24 license, the person shall successfully complete the teacher evaluation
25 professional development program.

26 (B) A person who receives an initial building level
27 administrator's license shall complete the certification assessment for the
28 teacher evaluation professional development program before or after receiving
29 the initial building level administrator's license.

30 (3)(A) The Department of Education shall not issue an initial
31 teaching license until the applicant verifies that he or she has obtained the
32 required professional development concerning:

33 (A) Mandated reporters under § 6-61-133;

34 (B) Parental involvement under § 6-15-1703;

35 (C) Teen suicide awareness and prevention under § 6-
36 17-708; and

1 (D) Arkansas history under § 6-17-703.

2 (B) For a teaching license issued under the state's
3 reciprocity provisions to an out-of-state teacher, the Department of
4 Education shall issue a provisional license until the licensee obtains the
5 professional development identified in subdivision (e)(3)(A) of this section.

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7 SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 6-17-2602(2), concerning the definition of
8 "professional development" for purposes of the lifetime teaching license, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 (2) "Professional development" ~~means a coordinated set of~~
11 ~~planned, learning development activities for teachers that are standards-~~
12 ~~based and that meet the focus areas for professional development required by~~
13 ~~the department~~ has the same meaning as the meaning given to the term under §
14 6-17-704; and

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16 SECTION 9. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2303(15)(A), concerning the definition
17 of "professional development" for school funding purposes, is amended to read
18 as follows:

19 (15)(A) "Professional development" ~~means a coordinated set of~~
20 ~~planned learning activities for teachers and administrators that are~~
21 ~~standards-based~~ has the same meaning as the meaning given to the term under §
22 6-17-704.

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24 SECTION 10. Arkansas Code § 6-61-133(c), concerning professional
25 development for mandated reporters and licensed elementary and secondary
26 public school personnel, is amended to read as follows:

27 6-61-133. ~~Training~~ Professional development for ~~mandatory mandated~~
28 reporters and licensed elementary and secondary public school personnel.

29 (a) As used in this section:

30 (1) "Child maltreatment" means the abuse, sexual abuse, neglect,
31 sexual exploitation, or abandonment of a child under the Child Maltreatment
32 Act, § 12-18-101 et seq.; and

33 (2) "Licensed school personnel" means a person who works with
34 students in an elementary or secondary public school, a public charter
35 school, a school district, or an education service cooperative for whom a
36 license issued by the State Board of Education is a condition of employment,

1 including without limitation a:

- 2 (A) School or school district administrator;
3 (B) Teacher;
4 (C) Coach for a school athletics program;
5 (D) School counselor;
6 (E) School social worker;
7 (F) School psychologist; and
8 (G) School nurse.

9 (b) For each degree program at an institution of higher education in
10 this state that is a prerequisite for licensure or certification in a
11 profession in which the professional is a child maltreatment mandated
12 reporter under the Child Maltreatment Act, § 12-18-101 et seq., the
13 Department of Higher Education shall coordinate with all the institutions of
14 higher education to ensure that before receiving a degree, each graduate
15 receives the ~~training~~ professional development identified in subdivision
16 (d)(1) of this section.

17 (c) Licensed school personnel shall obtain the ~~training~~ professional
18 development identified in subsection (d) of this section ~~within twelve (12)~~
19 ~~months of:~~

20 (1) ~~The~~ Not more than one (1) year before the individual's
21 initial licensure; and

22 (2) ~~All subsequent renewals of the individual's license~~
23 According to the professional development schedule under § 6-17-709.

24 (d)(1) The ~~training~~ professional development required under this
25 section shall include without limitation:

26 (A) Recognizing the signs and symptoms of child
27 maltreatment;

28 (B) The legal requirements of the Child Maltreatment Act,
29 § 12-18-101 et seq., and the duties of mandated reporters under the act; and

30 (C) Methods for managing disclosures regarding child
31 victims.

32 (2) In addition to the ~~training~~ professional development
33 required under subdivision (d)(1) of this section, licensed school personnel
34 shall obtain ~~training~~ professional development in connecting a victim of
35 child maltreatment to appropriate in-school services and other agencies,
36 programs, and services needed to provide the child with the emotional and

1 educational support the child needs to continue to be successful in school.

2 (e)(1) The ~~training~~ professional development obtained by licensed
3 school personnel may be obtained as in-person or online ~~training~~ professional
4 development.

5 (2) The Arkansas Child Abuse/Rape/Domestic Violence Commission
6 shall approve the curriculum for the ~~training~~ professional development.

7 (3) Licensed school personnel shall document completed ~~training~~
8 professional development according to the rules of the State Board of
9 Education.

10 ~~(f) Licensed school personnel may substitute for the required number~~
11 ~~of hours of staff development on parental involvement plans under § 6-15-1703~~
12 ~~an equal number of hours of training obtained under this section.~~
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14 SECTION 11. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
15 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that it is the state's
16 constitutional obligation to provide a general, suitable, and efficient free
17 system of public schools in the state; that the professional development of
18 public school teachers and administrators is critical to the delivery of a
19 constitutionally adequate education; and that this act is immediately
20 necessary for school districts and educators to prepare for the professional
21 development requirements needed for the 2013-2014 school year. Therefore, an
22 emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for
23 the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become
24 effective on:

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

26 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
27 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
28 bill; or

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

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32 /s/Eubanks
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