

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 691

5 By: Senator A. Clark
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 *AN ACT TO ADD TEACHERS IN GRADES FIVE (5) AND SIX (6)*
9 *AS TEACHERS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL*
10 *COMPENSATION FOR VOLUNTEERING TO TEACH MORE THAN THE*
11 *MAXIMUM NUMBER OF STUDENTS PERMITTED; TO DECLARE AN*
12 *EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

Subtitle

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16 *TO ADD TEACHERS IN GRADES FIVE (5) AND*
17 *SIX (6) AS TEACHERS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE*
18 *ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR VOLUNTEERING*
19 *TO TEACH MORE THAN THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF*
20 *STUDENTS PERMITTED; AND TO DECLARE AN*
21 *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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