

ARKANSAS SENATE
85th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2005
Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 197

"AN ACT TO REQUIRE NO MORE THAN THIRTY (30) HOURS OF PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS AND OTHER CERTIFIED PERSONNEL OF SCHOOL
DISTRICTS."

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 197.

Amend Senate Bill No. 197 as originally introduced:

Delete the title entirely and substitute:

"AN ACT TO ALLOW ANY CERTIFIED PERSONNEL TO EARN UP TO TWELVE (12) HOURS OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CREDIT FOR TIME REQUIRED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR TO PLAN AND PREPARE A CURRICULUM AND OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL FOR HIS OR HER ASSIGNED CLASSES; TO ALLOW CERTIFIED PERSONNEL TO EARN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CREDIT FOR ACTIVITIES DIRECTLY RELATED TO STUDENT PERFORMANCE THAT ARE REQUIRED AND PERFORMED OUTSIDE REGULAR SCHOOL DAY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"AN ACT TO ALLOW ANY CERTIFIED PERSONNEL TO EARN UP TO TWELVE (12) HOURS OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CREDIT."

AND

Delete everything following the enacting clause entirely and substitute:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 17, Subchapter 7 is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-17-705. Professional development credit.

(a)(1) Up to twelve (12) hours of professional development credit may be earned by any certified personnel for time required at the beginning of each school year to plan and prepare a curriculum and other instructional material for his or her assigned classes, if the time is:

(A) Spent in his or her classroom, office, or media center at the public school; and

(B) Prior to the first student-teacher interaction day of



the school year, but no school district shall require certified personnel to work additional days that are not included in his or her contract for the professional development credit provided under this section.

(2) A school district superintendent or building level principal may allow certified personnel to earn professional development credit for time required to prepare student improvement plans, individual education plans, or other required duties that are not performed during the regular school day and are directly related to student academic progress.

(b) Certified personnel shall earn one (1) hour of professional development credit for each one (1) hour of planning and preparation that meets the requirements of subdivision (a)(1) of this section or student progress related activities that meets the requirements of subdivision (a)(2) of this section.

(c) The State Board of Education shall promulgate the rules necessary for the proper implementation of this section.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that school districts are currently entering into contracts for professional development programs to be offered during the 2005-2006 school year; that school districts need sufficient time to plan and schedule professional development programs for certified personnel; and that this act is immediately necessary because a delay in its enactment may cause some districts to enter into unnecessary contracts for professional development programs. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

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

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

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

AND

If appropriate, renumber the remaining sections of the bill

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator J. Bookout

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Secretary