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A Bill

SENATE BILL 460

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARK. CODE ANN. § 6-13-629 TO PROVIDE THAT
9 ALL ELECTED MEMBERS OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF
10 DIRECTORS SHALL RECEIVE EIGHT (8) HOURS INSTRUCTION AND
11 TRAINING DURING EACH SCHOOL YEAR UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF
12 THE ARKANSAS SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES."

Subtitle

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15 "TO REQUIRE ELECTED SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS
16 TO HAVE ANNUAL TRAINING AND
17 INSTRUCTION."
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-13-629 is hereby amended to
23 read as follows:

24 "6-13-629. Training and instruction - Reimbursement.

25 (a)(1) Beginning with the 1995-96 school year, all elected members of
26 a school district board of directors shall receive eight (8) hours training
27 and instruction during each school year in the school laws of this state and
28 in the laws governing the powers, duties, and responsibilities of school
29 boards.

30 (2) This training and instruction shall be received from the
31 Arkansas School Boards Association or from another agency or organization
32 under contract with the Arkansas School Boards Association to provide
33 training and instruction to local boards .

34 (3) Any school board member completing a course of training and
35 instruction as required in this section shall receive a certification of

1 completion from the Arkansas School Boards Association, and a copy shall be
2 entered into the minutes of the local school board on which he or she serves.

3 (4) When the Arkansas School Boards Association's records
4 indicate that a school board member has failed to complete annual training
5 and instruction during the school year, he shall be placed on probation for
6 one (1) year, he and his superintendent shall be notified by mail, and he
7 shall fulfill during that year both any uncompleted hours of training and
8 instruction and those required for the probationary year. If the member
9 fails to complete all requisite training and instruction during the
10 probationary year, his position on the board shall be declared vacant by the
11 State Board of Education after providing the member with notice and an
12 opportunity to be heard, and the vacancy shall be filled at the next annual
13 election for the remainder of the term. The member shall not be certified to
14 run for re-election to the board by the county board of election
15 commissioners.

16 (b) Local school district boards of directors are authorized to pay
17 per diem and other necessary expenses from funds belonging to the school
18 district and to reimburse school board directors for expenses incurred in
19 attending in-service workshops, conferences, and other courses of training
20 and instruction required in completing eight (8) hours of instruction as
21 required in subsection (a) of this section.

22 (c) The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules and
23 regulations to implement the provisions of this section."

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25 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent
26 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
27 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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29 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
30 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
31 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
32 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
33 act are declared to be severable.

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35 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are

1 hereby repealed.

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