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A Bill

SENATE BILL 457

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT AMENDING ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED § 6-13-629 TO
10 PROVIDE THAT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS SHALL COMPLETE REQUIRED
11 TRAINING AND INSTRUCTION DURING THE FIRST YEAR OF THEIR
12 TERM OF OFFICE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

15 "REQUIRING SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS TO
16 COMPLETE TRAINING AND INSTRUCTION DURING
17 THE FIRST YEAR OF THEIR TERM OF OFFICE."

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

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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-13-629(a) is amended to read as
22 follows:

23 "(a)(1) All members of a school district board of directors elected at
24 each annual school election shall receive a minimum of six (6) hours training
25 and instruction in the school laws of this state and in the laws governing the
26 powers, duties, and responsibilities of school boards.

27 (2) This instruction may be received from an institution of
28 higher learning in this state, from instruction sponsored by the Department of
29 Education, or by an in-service training program conducted by the Arkansas
30 School Boards Association.

31 (3) Any school board member completing a course of instruction
32 shall receive a certification of completion, and a copy shall be entered into
33 the minutes of the local school board on which he or she serves.

34 (4) When any school board member does not complete the course of
35 instruction required by this section during the first year of his term of
36 office, a vacancy shall exist on the board of directors which shall be filled

1 as otherwise provided by law.

2 ~~_____ (4)(5)~~ Upon having completed the course of instruction meeting
3 the minimum requirements of this section, it shall not be necessary for a
4 school board member to take an additional course of instruction upon being
5 reelected to the school board."

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

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11 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
12 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
13 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
14 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
15 act are declared to be severable.

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17 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
18 hereby repealed.

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