

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 85th General Assembly  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1116

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5 By: Representative Cooper  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF HOURS  
10 OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND IN-SERVICE  
11 TRAINING THAT MAY BE REQUIRED FOR CERTIFIED  
12 PERSONNEL OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AND FOR OTHER  
13 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE MAXIMUM NUMBER  
17 OF HOURS OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND  
18 IN-SERVICE TRAINING THAT MAY BE REQUIRED  
19 FOR CERTIFIED PERSONNEL OF SCHOOL  
20 DISTRICTS.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 17, Subchapter 7 is amended  
26 to add an additional section to read as follows:

27 6-17-705. Hours of professional development and in-service training.  
28 No more than thirty (30) hours of professional development and in-  
29 service training shall be required for certified personnel under the  
30 Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools or any other rule of  
31 the State Board of Education.  
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33 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-17-702(a), concerning staff development  
34 sessions for certified personnel of school districts, is amended to read as  
35 follows:

36 (a)(1)(A) No school district shall deny certified personnel the



1 opportunity to attend certified instructional staff development sessions  
2 conducted by bona fide professional organizations within the State of  
3 Arkansas.

4 (B) Certified personnel may count up to two (2) days of  
5 five and one-half (5 1/2) hours each of attendance at instructional  
6 professional development sessions conducted by bona fide professional  
7 organizations toward fulfillment of the ~~five (5) days of~~ hours of staff  
8 development required by the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public  
9 Schools, provided the sessions have been certified by the Department of  
10 Education.

11 (2) The State Board of Education is hereby authorized to  
12 promulgate rules and regulations to implement the certification process.  
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14 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-17-2402, concerning definitions under the  
15 Teacher Compensation Program of 2003, is amended to read as follows:

16 6-17-2402. Definitions.

17 As used in this subchapter:

18 (1) "Basic contract" means a teacher employment contract for one  
19 hundred ninety (190) days that includes ~~ten (10) days~~ five (5) days which  
20 shall be used for obtaining thirty (30) hours of professional development and  
21 five (5) days which shall be awarded at the end of the school year as  
22 compensation for normal class preparation that occurs before or after regular  
23 school hours; and

24 (2) "Teacher" means:

25 (A) An individual who is required to hold a teaching  
26 license from the Department of Education and who is engaged directly in  
27 instruction with students in a classroom setting for more than seventy  
28 percent (70%) of the individual's contracted time;

29 (B) A guidance counselor; or

30 (C) A librarian.  
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