

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.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1204

5 By: Representative Wood
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROVIDE PHYSICAL EDUCATION COURSE
10 CREDIT FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE ARKANSAS NATIONAL
11 GUARD OR RESERVES BASIC COMBAT TRAINING COURSE;
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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15 COURSE CREDIT FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE
16 ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD OR RESERVES
17 BASIC COMBAT TRAINING COURSE.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 16, Subchapter 1 is amended
24 to add an additional section to read as follows:

25 6-17-137. Physical education credit for participation in the Arkansas
26 National Guard or Reserves basic combat training course.

27 (a) For the purpose of this section:

28 (1) "Content standards" means those curriculum course content
29 standards identified and set out in the Department of Education Curriculum
30 Frameworks;

31 (2) "Curriculum frameworks" means those content-specific
32 requirements identified and mandated pursuant to § 6-15-1501 et seq. and the
33 Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools;

34 (3) "Basic Combat Training Course" means the basic combat
35 training course required by the Arkansas National Guard or Reserves for
36 membership and is a course that involves body movement produced by skeletal



1 muscles resulting in energy expenditures through organized group or class
2 activities; and

3 (4) "Statement of assurance" means a written statement which
4 ensures that the basic combat training course is in compliance with the
5 physical education course content standards and curriculum frameworks as
6 required pursuant to § 6-15-1505 and the requirements of subdivision (b) of
7 this section to be filed with the Department of Education by October 1 of
8 each year by:

9 (A) The Adjutant General or his or her designee for a
10 basic combat training course offered by the Arkansas National Guard; and

11 (B) The Reserves Senior Commanding Officer or his or her
12 designee for a basic combat training course offered by the Reserves.

13 (b) Beginning in the 2005-2006 school year, a student in grades ten
14 through twelve (10-12) participating in and successfully completing a basic
15 combat training course shall be eligible to receive one-half (1/2) unit of
16 physical education credit required for graduation if the basic combat
17 training course is equivalent to the Department of Education's physical
18 education course content standards and curriculum frameworks.

19 (c) A student is limited to only the one-half (1/2) unit of physical
20 education credit for graduation for the basic combat training course, and the
21 student shall not be allowed any other credit toward graduation for the same
22 course.

23 (d) A student must provide written documentation verifying the
24 successful completion of the basic combat training course to receive the one-
25 half (1/2) unit of physical education credit required for graduation.

26 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, it is recognized
27 that a basic combat training course as set forth under subsection (b) of this
28 section is not a requirement for an adequate education and shall not be
29 considered a core academic requirement of the State of Arkansas or public
30 school districts.

31 (f) The State Board of Education may promulgate rules necessary to
32 implement this section.

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34 /s/ Wood
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