

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 1461

5 By: Representatives Cooper, Petrus, Walters, Dickinson, Sullivan, Everett, Jeffrey, Kenney, M. Martin,  
6 Dunn, George, Key, Medley, Thompson, Thyer, Wells, Wills, Wyatt, Berry, Bolin, Childers, Cook,  
7 Mathis, Rankin, *Norton*  
8 By: Senators Miller, J. Bookout, Glover, Higginbothom  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

11 AN ACT TO ALLOW A TEACHER TO EARN UP TO TWELVE  
12 (12) HOURS OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CREDIT FOR  
13 TIME REQUIRED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR  
14 TO PLAN AND PREPARE A CURRICULUM AND OTHER  
15 INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL FOR HIS OR HER ASSIGNED  
16 CLASSES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

18 TO ALLOW A TEACHER TO EARN PROFESSIONAL  
19 DEVELOPMENT CREDIT FOR TIME REQUIRED AT  
20 THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR TO PLAN  
21 AND PREPARE A CURRICULUM AND OTHER  
22 INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL FOR HIS OR HER  
23 ASSIGNED CLASSES.  
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28 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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30 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 17, Subchapter 7 is amended  
31 to add an additional section to read as follows:

32 6-17-705. Professional development credit.

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



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

(2) Prior to the first day of the school year.

(b) Certified personnel shall earn one (1) hour of professional development credit for each hour of planning and preparation that meets the requirements of subsection (a) of this section.

*/s/ Cooper, et al*