

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

19 TO ALLOW A TEACHER TO EARN PROFESSIONAL
20 DEVELOPMENT CREDIT FOR TIME REQUIRED AT
21 THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR TO PLAN
22 AND PREPARE A CURRICULUM AND OTHER
23 INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL FOR HIS OR HER
24 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:



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

3 (2) Prior to the first student-teacher interaction day of the
4 school year, but no school district shall require certified personnel to work
5 additional days that are not included in his or her contract unless the
6 certified personnel is paid his or her daily rate of pay.

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

10 (c) The State Board of Education shall promulgate the rules necessary
11 for the proper implementation of this section.

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13 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
14 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that school districts are currently
15 entering into contracts for the professional development programs to be
16 offered during the 2005-2006 school year; that school districts need
17 sufficient time to plan and schedule professional development programs for
18 certified personnel; and that this act is immediately necessary because a
19 delay in its enactment may cause some districts to enter into unnecessary
20 contracts for professional development programs. Therefore, an emergency is
21 declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the
22 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective
23 on:

24 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

25 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
26 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
27 bill; or

28 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
29 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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31 /s/ Cooper, et al
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