

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 *As Engrossed: H2/11/05 H2/23/05 H2/28/05*

2 85th General Assembly

# A Bill

3 Regular Session, 2005

HOUSE BILL 1461

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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

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AN ACT TO ALLOW A TEACHER TO EARN UP TO TWELVE

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(12) HOURS OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CREDIT FOR

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TIME REQUIRED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

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TO PLAN AND PREPARE A CURRICULUM AND OTHER

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INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL FOR HIS OR HER ASSIGNED

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CLASSES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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## Subtitle

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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 their 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 their contract unless the certified  
6 personnel is paid their 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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