

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 2517

5 By: Representative Pickett
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF HOURS OF
10 TRAINING THAT A NEWLY ELECTED MEMBER OF A SCHOOL
11 BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS REQUIRED TO OBTAIN
12 FOLLOWING ELECTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 6-13-629. Training and instruction - Reimbursement.

24 (a)(1)(A) All members of a local school district board of directors
25 who have served on the board for twelve (12) or more consecutive months
26 elected at each annual school election shall receive a minimum of shall
27 obtain no less than six (6) hours of training and instruction by December 31
28 of each calendar year in the school laws of this state and in the laws
29 governing the powers, duties, and responsibilities of school boards.

30 (B) All members of a school district board of directors
31 elected for an initial or non-continuous term shall obtain no less than nine
32 (9) hours of training and instruction by December 1 of the calendar year
33 following the year in which they were elected.

34 (2) The training and instruction required under this section
35 shall include topics relevant to school laws, school operations, and the
36 powers, duties, and responsibilities of the members of the board of



1 directors, including, but not limited to, legal requirements, role
 2 differentiation, financial management, and improving student achievement.

3 (3) Hours of training and instruction obtained in excess of the
 4 minimum requirements each year may cumulate and be carried forward from year
 5 to year.

6 ~~(2)~~(4) This instruction may be received from an institution of
 7 higher learning in this state, from instruction sponsored or approved by the
 8 Department of Education, or by an in-service training program conducted by or
 9 through the Arkansas School Boards Association.

10 ~~(3)~~(5) ~~Any school board member completing a course of~~
 11 ~~instruction shall receive a certification of completion, and a copy shall be~~
 12 ~~entered into the minutes of the local school board on which he or she serves.~~
 13 A school district shall maintain a record of hours of training and
 14 instruction for board members, which may be in the form of an attested,
 15 cumulative annual report from the training providers and which shall be
 16 subject to verification and inspection during the school district's annual
 17 audit.

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 19 ~~shall receive a certification of completion; copy of the certification shall~~
 20 ~~be entered into the minutes of the local school board on which he or she~~
 21 ~~serves.~~

22 ~~(4)~~ ~~Upon having completed the course of instruction meeting the~~
 23 ~~minimum requirements of this section, it shall not be necessary for a school~~
 24 ~~board member to take an additional course of instruction upon being reelected~~
 25 ~~to the school board.~~

26 ~~(b)~~ Local school district boards of directors are authorized to pay
 27 per diem and other necessary expenses from funds belonging to the school
 28 district and to reimburse school board directors for expenses incurred in
 29 attending in-service workshops, conferences, and other courses of training
 30 and instruction required in completing a ~~minimum of six~~ ~~(6)~~ hours the
 31 training and ~~of~~ instruction as required in subsection (a) of this section.

32 (d)(1) The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules, which my
 33 be included in the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools,
 34 requiring that a statement of the hours of training and instruction obtained
 35 by each board member in the preceding year be:

36 (A) Part of the comprehensive school plan and goals;

1 (B) Published in the same way that other components of the
2 comprehensive school plan and goals are required to be published; and

3 (C) Made a part of the annual school performance report under §
4 6-15-1402.

5 (2) The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules and necessary
6 to carry out the provisions and intent of this section.

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8 SECTION 2. This act shall be effective beginning January 1, 2006.

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