

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
2 85th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2005

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2789

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5 By: Representative Medley
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT TEACHERS RECEIVE A THIRTY-
10 MINUTE UNINTERRUPTED DUTY-FREE LUNCH PERIOD
11 DURING EACH STUDENT INSTRUCTIONAL DAY; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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15 THIRTY-MINUTE UNINTERRUPTED DUTY-FREE
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17 INSTRUCTIONAL DAY.
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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 § 6-17-111(a), concerning teachers' duty-free
24 lunch period during each student instructional day, is amended to read as
25 follows:

26 (a)(1) ~~For a minimum of eighty percent (80%) of the student contact~~
27 ~~days, each~~ Each school district in this state shall provide at least a
28 thirty-minute uninterrupted duty-free lunch period during each student
29 instructional day for each certified school employee in its employment.

30 (2) Any teacher not receiving a duty-free lunch ~~for a minimum of~~
31 ~~eighty percent (80%) of the student contact days shall receive an hourly per~~
32 ~~diem rate~~ period during each student instructional day as provided in
33 subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall be compensated at his or her hourly
34 rate of pay for each missed lunch period ~~unless the teacher waives his or her~~
35 ~~right to be compensated.~~

36 (3) A school district shall be exempt from the provisions of



1 this subsection (a) if it:

2 (A) Has collectively negotiated a contract through a local
3 teacher's association; and

4 (B) The collectively negotiated contract expressly
5 addresses a duty-free lunch period.

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7 SECTION 2. This act shall be effective beginning August 1, 2005.

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