

State of Arkansas
85th General Assembly
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 1150

By: Senator Horn
By: Representative Cooper

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO LIMIT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFIED PERSONNEL WORKING
SOLELY IN ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT TO LIMIT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFIED PERSONNEL
WORKING SOLELY IN ADULT EDUCATION
PROGRAMS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 17, Subchapter 7 is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-17-705. Professional development credit.

(a) Certified personnel working part time shall be exempt from one-half (1/2) of the professional development hours required under the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools, if they work solely in any of the following adult education programs:

(1) Adult basic education;

(2) General adult education;

(3) English as a second language for adults; and

(4) General Educational Development Test examiners.

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



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2 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
3 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that school districts are currently
4 entering into contracts for the professional development programs to be
5 offered during the 2005-2006 school year; that school districts need
6 sufficient time to plan and schedule professional development programs for
7 certified personnel; and that this act is immediately necessary because a
8 delay in its enactment may cause some districts to enter into unnecessary
9 contracts for professional development programs. Therefore, an emergency is
10 declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the
11 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective
12 on:

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

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

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