

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

SENATE BILL 197

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE NO MORE THAN THIRTY (30) HOURS
10 OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS AND
11 OTHER CERTIFIED PERSONNEL OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS;
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

15 AN ACT TO REQUIRE NO MORE THAN THIRTY
16 (30) HOURS OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
17 FOR TEACHERS AND OTHER CERTIFIED
18 PERSONNEL OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 17, Subchapter 7 is amended
24 to add an additional section to read as follows:

25 6-17-705. Hours of professional development and in-service training.
26 The Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools or any other
27 rule of the State Board of Education shall not require more than thirty (30)
28 hours of professional development and in-service training for certified
29 personnel.

31 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-17-702(a), concerning staff development
32 sessions for certified personnel of school districts, is amended to read as
33 follows:

34 (a)(1)(A) No school district shall deny certified personnel the
35 opportunity to attend certified instructional staff development sessions
36 conducted by bona fide professional organizations within the State of



1 Arkansas.

2 (B) Certified personnel may count up to two (2) days of
3 five and one-half (5 1/2) hours each of attendance at instructional
4 professional development sessions conducted by bona fide professional
5 organizations toward fulfillment of the ~~five (5) days of~~ hours of staff
6 development required by the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public
7 Schools, provided the sessions have been certified by the Department of
8 Education.

9 (2) The State Board of Education is hereby authorized to
10 promulgate rules and regulations to implement the certification process.

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12 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-17-2402 is amended to read as follows:
13 6-17-2402. Definitions.

14 As used in this subchapter:

15 (1) "Basic contract" means a teacher employment contract for one
16 hundred ninety (190) days that includes ~~ten (10) days~~ five (5) days which
17 shall be used for obtaining thirty (30) hours of professional development;
18 and

19 (2) "Teacher" means:

20 (A) An individual who is required to hold a teaching
21 license from the Department of Education and who is engaged directly in
22 instruction with students in a classroom setting for more than seventy
23 percent (70%) of the individual's contracted time;

24 (B) A guidance counselor; or

25 (C) A librarian.

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