

State of Arkansas

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Call Item 11

85th General Assembly

A Bill

First Extraordinary Session, 2006

SENATE BILL 3

By: Education Committee - Senate

By: Representatives Elliott, Cook, Mahony, Walters, Pickett

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN
THE DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGY-BASED OR OTHER
ENHANCED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT TO ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF
TECHNOLOGY-BASED OR OTHER ENHANCED
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-707, concerning the statewide
professional development program, is amended to add an additional subsection
to read as follows:

(i) The Department of Education shall further enhance its leadership
role in professional development for certified personnel by:

(1) Developing technology-based professional development
programs and other enhanced professional development options for school
districts and certified personnel; and

(2) Employing no fewer than two (2) persons who have a high
level of expertise in professional development for the purpose of enhancing
professional development opportunities as set forth in this section.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the



1 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the Arkansas Supreme Court
2 declared the public school funding system to be inadequate and that the
3 public schools are operating under a constitutional infirmity which must be
4 corrected immediately; and that to correct the constitutional infirmity
5 opportunities for an adequate education should be enhanced by improving
6 professional development options for school districts and certified
7 personnel. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being
8 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall
9 become effective on:

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

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

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

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