

1 State of Arkansas

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Call Item 11

2 85th General Assembly

# A Bill

3 First Extraordinary Session, 2006

SENATE BILL 3

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5 *By: Education Committee - Senate*

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

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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AN ACT TO ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN

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THE DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGY-BASED OR OTHER

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ENHANCED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES;

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AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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## Subtitle

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

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SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-707, concerning the statewide

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professional development program, is amended to add an additional subsection

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to read as follows:

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

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

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(2) Employing 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.

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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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