

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 86th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2007

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2260

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5 By: Representative Chesterfield  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROVIDE BONUSES FOR HIGHLY QUALIFIED  
10 PARAPROFESSIONALS WHO OBTAIN ASSOCIATE DEGREES OR  
11 COMPLETE SIXTY (60) HOURS OF COURSE WORK AT AN  
12 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION; AND FOR OTHER  
13 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 PARAPROFESSIONALS WHO OBTAIN ASSOCIATE  
17 DEGREES OR COMPLETE SIXTY (60) HOURS OF  
18 COURSE WORK AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER  
19 EDUCATION.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 17, Subchapter 22 is amended  
26 to add an additional section to read as follows:

27 6-17-2206. Highly qualified paraprofessional bonuses.

28 (a) The purpose of this section is to provide an incentive for  
29 classified paraprofessionals to attend and complete course work at the  
30 postsecondary level to become highly qualified.

31 (b) A paraprofessional who obtains an associate degree shall be  
32 considered a highly qualified paraprofessional and shall receive a one-time  
33 bonus of one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

34 (c) A paraprofessional who completes sixty (60) hours of course work  
35 at an institution of higher education and passes the high-stakes test shall  
36 be considered a highly qualified paraprofessional and shall receive a one-



1 time bonus of five hundred dollars (\$500).

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