

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

HOUSE BILL 2672

5 By: Representative Cook  
6 By: Senator G. Jeffress  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING TEACHER  
11 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CREDIT; AND FOR OTHER  
12 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

14 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING  
15 TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CREDIT.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-702(a)(1)(B), concerning staff  
22 development sessions, is amended to read as follows:

23 (B) Certified personnel may count up to two (2) days of  
24 ~~five and one half (5 1/2)~~ six (6) hours each of attendance at instructional  
25 professional development sessions conducted by bona fide professional  
26 organizations toward fulfillment of the ~~five (5)~~ ten (10) days of staff  
27 development required by the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public  
28 Schools, provided the sessions have been certified by the Department of  
29 Education.  
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31 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-17-705 is amended to read as follows:

32 6-17-705. Professional development credit.

33 (a) Up to twelve (12) hours of professional development credit may be  
34 earned by certified personnel for time required at the beginning of each  
35 school year to plan and prepare a curriculum and other instructional material  
36 for their assigned classes if the time is:



1 (1) Spent in their classrooms, offices, or media centers at the  
2 public school; and

3 (2) Prior to the first student-teacher interaction day of the  
4 school year, but no school district shall require certified personnel to work  
5 additional days that are not included in their contracts unless the certified  
6 personnel are paid their daily rate of pay.

7 (b) Certified personnel shall earn one (1) hour of professional  
8 development credit for each hour of planning and preparation that meets the  
9 requirements of subsection (a) of this section.

10 (c) Certified personnel may earn up to eighteen (18) hours of online  
11 professional development credit as approved by the Department of Education.

12 (d)(1) If catastrophic illness of a teacher or a teacher's immediate  
13 family under § 6-17-1202 prevents a teacher from obtaining the required  
14 professional development hours, the teacher shall be allowed to make up the  
15 hours missed during the:

16 (A) Remainder of the current school year; or

17 (B) Succeeding school year.

18 (2) The teacher may earn the professional development hours  
19 through online professional development.

20 ~~(e)~~(e) The State Board of Education shall promulgate the rules  
21 necessary for the proper implementation of this section.

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23 /s/ Cook  
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