

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 2704

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5 By: Representative Saunders
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT PERTAINING TO TEACHER PROFESSIONAL
10 DEVELOPMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 AN ACT PERTAINING TO TEACHER
14 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code, Title 6, Chapter 17, Subchapter 7 is amended
20 to add the following new section:

21 6-17-708. Teacher mentoring.

22 (a) As used in this section, "teacher mentoring" means the act of
23 providing professional development for a new teacher through focused feedback
24 from a more experienced teacher with regard to instructional skills,
25 classroom management, and professional behaviors with the goal of achieving
26 enhanced instructional skills, competency, and professional development.

27 (b)(1) A teacher is qualified to serve as a mentor teacher in the
28 teacher mentoring program if the teacher:

29 (A) Holds a current teaching license in good standing
30 issued by the State Board of Education;

31 (B) Has a minimum of three (3) years of successful
32 experience as a full-time classroom teacher in a public school, a charter
33 school, an accredited private school, or an early childhood program;

34 (C) Has successfully completed training in the state-
35 adopted teacher mentoring model;

36 (D) Demonstrates evidence of ongoing professional growth;



1 and

2 (E) Possesses good communication and interpersonal skills.

3 (2) A teacher is not required to be employed with a school
4 district in order to serve as a mentor teacher if the teacher satisfies the
5 qualifications listed in subdivision (b)(1) of this section.

6 (3) If possible, a mentor teacher shall be assigned to a new
7 teacher with a compatible background in grade level of licensure and area of
8 teaching interest.

9 (c)(1) The state board shall establish rules to implement teacher
10 mentoring programs in accordance with this section.

11 (2) All school districts and state agencies shall establish a
12 teacher mentoring program in accordance with rules of the state board.

13 (3) Education service cooperatives, charter schools, accredited
14 private schools, and early childhood programs are encouraged to establish
15 teacher mentoring programs in accordance with this section.

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