

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

SENATE BILL 653

5 By: Senators Bisbee, Hendren
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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 6-17-114
11 CONCERNING TEACHER PLANNING PERIODS; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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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 § 6-17-114 is amended to read as follows:
22 6-17-114. Daily planning period.

23 (a)(1) ~~Effective beginning the 2003-2004 school year, each~~ Each school
24 district in this state shall provide a minimum of two hundred (200) minutes
25 each week for each teacher to schedule time for conferences, instructional
26 planning, and preparation for all classroom teachers employed by the
27 district.

28 (2)(A) The planning time shall be in ~~increments~~ blocks of no
29 less than ~~forty (40)~~ thirty (30) minutes during the student instructional day
30 unless a teacher submits a written request to be allowed to have his or her
31 planning time scheduled at some time other than during the student
32 instructional day.

33 (B) A teacher who does not receive the planning time
34 required under subdivision (a)(2)(A) of this section during the student
35 instructional day shall be compensated at his or her hourly rate of pay for
36 each missed planning period except for planning periods missed because of:



1 (i) Scheduled meetings with the school principal of
2 not more than one (1) time per week;

3 (ii) ~~occasional~~ Occasional, not regularly scheduled
4 field trips; or

5 (iii) ~~fire drills, or bomb scares~~ Drills or
6 evacuations for fire or other security or safety alarms.

7 (C) A school district shall be exempt from the provisions
8 of this subdivision (a)(2) if it has collectively negotiated a contract
9 through a local teachers' association and the collectively negotiated
10 contract expressly provides for a teacher's daily planning period.

11 (b)(1) No school district shall provide planning time as required by
12 this section by lengthening the school day unless the district compensates
13 teachers for the additional time at an hourly per diem rate.

14 (2) Any teacher not receiving individual planning time as
15 provided for in this section shall be compensated for the planning time lost
16 at his or her hourly rate of pay.

17 (c) Each school district shall implement the requirements of this
18 section in accordance with § 6-17-201 et seq.

19 (d) As used in this section, "student instructional day" means the
20 time that students are required to be present at school.

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