## 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	As Engrossed: H2/13/09		
2	87th General Assembly	A Bill		
3	Regular Session, 2009		HOUSE BILL 1272	
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5	By: Representatives Blount, Allen, T. Baker, Cash, Davis, Hardy, House, Hoyt, Rainey, J. Roebuck,			
6	Shelby, Stewart			
7	By: Senators Elliott, Steele			
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11	For An Act To Be Entitled			
12	AN ACT TO IN	CREASE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT	' IN	
13	ARKANSAS PUB	LIC SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER	PURPOSES.	
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15		Subtitle		
16	TO INCREA	SE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN		
17	ARKANSAS	PUBLIC SCHOOLS.		
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20	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERA	L ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF	ARKANSAS:	
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22	SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-1702(b)(5), concerning a public school			
23	parental involvement plan, is amended to read as follows:			
24	(5)(A) Acknowledge that parents play an integral role in			
25	assisting student learning.		. 1 1 . 1	
26 27		elp parents in assisting s	tudents, the school	
27	shall:	Cahadula manulan manan	:1	
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29 30	which parents are given a	report on the state of the	school and an overview	
31	of:	(a) What students will	ha laarning.	
32		<ul><li>(a) What students will</li><li>(b) How students will l</li></ul>		
33		(c) What parents should		
34	child's education; and	(c) what parents should	a expect for their	
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1	(ii)(a) Provide an opportunity for instruction for		
2	parents from minority or low socioeconomic backgrounds by providing		
3	instruction to a parent on how to incorporate developmentally appropriate		
4	learning activities in the home environment.		
5	(b) The instruction for parents from minority		
6	or low socioeconomic backgrounds shall include one (1) or more of the		
7	following:		
8	(1) Role play and demonstration by		
9	trained volunteers;		
10	(2) The use of and access to Department		
11	of Education website tools for parents;		
12	(3) Assistance with nutritional meal		
13	planning and preparation; and		
14	(4) Other strategies or curricula		
15	developed or acquired by the school district for at-home parental instruction		
16	approved by the Department of Education; and		
17	(ii) (iii) Engage in other activities determined by		
18	the school to help a parent assist in his or her child's learning;		
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20	SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-15-1703 is amended to read as follows:		
21	6-15-1703. Staff development.		
22	(a) By September 1, 2003, the The State Board of Education's Standards		
23	for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts shall		
24	require:		
25	$\underline{\text{(1)}}$ no $\underline{\text{No}}$ fewer than two (2) hours of professional development		
26	opportunities for teachers, which may be included in the $\frac{\text{thirty (30)}}{\text{minimum}}$		
27	number of hours of professional development required, as of January 1, 2003,		
28	designed to enhance understanding of effective parental involvement		
29	strategies+; and		
30	(b) (2) By September 1, 2003, the State Board of Education's		
31	Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts		
32	$\frac{1}{2}$ shall require no $\frac{1}{2}$ No fewer than three (3) hours of professional development		
33	opportunities for administrators, in addition to the thirty (30) minimum		
34	number of hours of professional development required, as of January 1, 2003,		
35	designed to enhance understanding of:		
36	(1) (A) Effective parent involvement strategies; and		

1	$\frac{(2)}{(B)}$ The importance of administrative leadership in			
2	setting expectations and creating a climate conducive to parental			
3	participation.			
4	(b) Each school district shall provide training at least annually for			
5	volunteers who assist in an instructional program for parents.			
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7	SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-15-1705 is amended to read as follows:			
8	6-15-1705. Incorporation of parental involvement into teacher			
9	education programs.			
10	The Department of Education and the Department of Higher Education			
11	shall collaborate with institutions of higher education to incorporate into			
12	teacher and administrator education programs information instruction			
13	regarding:			
14	(1) the The importance of parental involvement; and			
15	(2) how to successfully encourage Successful strategies for			
16	encouraging parents to be partners in their child's education; and			
17	(3) The relationship between cultural diversity and parental			
18	involvement.			
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