

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 1272

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

11 AN ACT TO INCREASE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN  
12 ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

15 TO INCREASE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN  
16 ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL 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.

26 (B) To help parents in assisting students, the school  
27 shall:

28 (i) Schedule regular parent involvement meetings at  
29 which parents are given a report on the state of the school and an overview  
30 of:

31 (a) What students will be learning;

32 (b) How students will be assessed;

33 (c) What parents should expect for their  
34 child's education; and

35 (d) How a parent can assist and make a  
36 difference in his or her child's education;



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 (1) ~~no~~ No fewer than two (2) hours of professional development  
26 opportunities for teachers, which may be included in the ~~thirty (30) 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 ~~shall require no~~ 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

