

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 87th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2009

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1999

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5 By: Representative Lea

For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

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14 TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING
15 TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CREDIT.

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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-702(a)(1)(B), concerning staff
21 development sessions, is amended to read as follows:

22 (B) Certified personnel may count up to two (2) days of
23 ~~five and one half (5 1/2)~~ six (6) hours each of attendance at instructional
24 professional development sessions conducted by bona fide professional
25 organizations toward fulfillment of the ~~five (5)~~ ten (10) days of staff
26 development required by the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public
27 Schools and School Districts, provided the sessions have been certified by
28 the Department of Education.

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30 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-17-705 is amended to read as follows:
31 6-17-705. Professional development credit.

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

36 (1) Spent in their classrooms, offices, or media centers at the



1 public school; and

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

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

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

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

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

16 (B) Succeeding school year.

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

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

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