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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1778

5 By: Representatives Leding, Wright
6 By: Senators D. Johnson, Irvin
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE TWO HOURS OF MANDATORY IN-SERVICE
10 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ONCE EVERY FIVE YEARS FOR
11 LICENSED PERSONNEL IN TEEN SUICIDE AWARENESS AND
12 PREVENTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 THE JASON FLATT ACT.
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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 Title 6, Chapter 17, Subchapter 7 is amended
22 to add an additional section to read as follows:

23 6-17-708. Teen suicide awareness and prevention in-service training.

24 (a)(1) Beginning in the 2012-2013 school year, the Department of
25 Education shall require two (2) hours of in-service training in teen suicide
26 awareness and prevention one (1) time every five (5) school years for
27 licensed personnel.

28 (2) The in-service training under this section may be
29 accomplished through self-review of suitable suicide prevention materials
30 approved by the department.

31 (b) The in-service training under this section shall count toward the
32 satisfaction of requirements for professional development in the Standards
33 for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts and for
34 licensure requirements for licensed personnel.
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