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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE
9 ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR
10 PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE
15 ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PROFESSIONAL
16 DEVELOPMENT FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS.
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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 § 6-5-405(b) and (c), concerning professional
22 development requirements, are amended to read as follows:

23 (b) ~~Beginning with the 2009 calendar year, professional~~ Professional
24 development on the availability of, eligibility requirements for, and the
25 process of applying for state-supported student financial assistance shall be
26 required for:

27 (1) All public school superintendents and assistant
28 superintendents; and

29 (2) The following licensed personnel at a public school where
30 students are enrolled in grade seven through grade twelve (7-12):

31 (A) Principals;

32 (B) Assistant principals; and

33 (C) Guidance counselors.

34 (c)(1) The first course shall be a three-hour course to be taken
35 ~~within calendar year 2009, or~~ within the first year of employment.

36 (2) After the first three-hour course is completed, a one-hour



1 course is required to be completed ~~annually~~ not less than one (1) time every
2 three (3) years.

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4 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-15-1703(a), concerning professional
5 development regarding parental involvement, is amended to read as follows:

6 (a) The State Board of Education's Standards for Accreditation of
7 Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts shall require:

8 (1) No fewer than two (2) hours of professional development
9 opportunities every three (3) years, for teachers, which may be included in
10 the minimum number of hours of professional development required, designed to
11 enhance understanding of effective parental involvement strategies; and

12 (2) No fewer than ~~three (3)~~ two (2) hours of professional
13 development opportunities every three (3) years for administrators, in
14 addition to the minimum number of hours of professional development required,
15 designed to enhance understanding of:

16 (A) Effective parent involvement strategies; and

17 (B) The importance of administrative leadership in setting
18 expectations and creating a climate conducive to parental participation.

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20 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-17-703(a), concerning in-service training
21 for Arkansas history, is amended to add an additional section to read as
22 follows:

23 (a) Every school district in this state shall provide two (2) hours of
24 substantive and meaningful in-service training in Arkansas history ~~each~~
25 ~~school-year~~ for its teachers who provide instruction in Arkansas history not
26 less than one (1) time every three (3) years.