

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 88th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2011

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 780

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5 By: Senator Salmon

## For An Act To Be Entitled

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8 AN ACT CONCERNING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR  
9 SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS AND TEACHERS WHO TEACH  
10 STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

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14 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR SPECIAL  
15 EDUCATION TEACHERS AND TEACHERS WHO  
16 TEACH STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES.

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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:

#### 6-17-708. Professional Development – Special Education

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25 (a) A teacher shall complete a minimum of eight (8) hours of  
26 professional development credit in special education annually if the teacher:

27 (1) Has a child with a disability in his or her classroom during  
28 the current school year; or

29 (2) Anticipates having a child with a disability in his or her  
30 classroom in the year school year following the current school year.

31 (b) A public school district shall include professional development  
32 credit a teacher receives under this section:

33 (1) In a teachers professional development plan required under §  
34 6-17-704; and

35 (2) Towards a teachers fulfillment of professional development  
36 required by the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and



1 School Districts as promulgated by the Department of Education.

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