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## For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL  
11 EDUCATOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT; TO DECLARE AN  
12 EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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## Subtitle

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TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC

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SCHOOL EDUCATOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT;

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AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

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23 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-5-405 is repealed.*

24 ~~*6-5-405. Professional development for higher education awareness.*~~

25 ~~*(a) As used in this section, "state-supported student financial*~~  
26 ~~*assistance" means:*~~

27 ~~*(1) A state-supported scholarship or grant awarded by the*~~  
28 ~~*Department of Higher Education; and*~~

29 ~~*(2) A scholarship, grant, or tuition waiver awarded by an*~~  
30 ~~*institution of higher education in this state funded in whole or in part with*~~  
31 ~~*state funds.*~~

32 ~~*(b) Beginning with the 2009 calendar year, professional development on*~~  
33 ~~*the availability of, eligibility requirements for, and the process of*~~  
34 ~~*applying for state-supported student financial assistance shall be required*~~  
35 ~~*for:*~~

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~~*(1) All public school superintendents and assistant*~~



1 ~~superintendents; and~~

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

4 ~~(A) Principals;~~

5 ~~(B) Assistant principals; and~~

6 ~~(C) Guidance counselors.~~

7 ~~(e)(1) The first course shall be a three hour course to be taken~~  
 8 ~~within calendar year 2009, or within the first year of employment.~~

9 ~~(2) After the first three hour course is completed, a one hour~~  
 10 ~~course is required to be completed annually.~~

11 ~~(d) The professional development hours required under this section~~  
 12 ~~shall be counted toward the sixty (60) hours of the professional development~~  
 13 ~~required for licensed school personnel under the Standards for Accreditation~~  
 14 ~~of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts.~~

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 16 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-15-1703 is amended to read as follows:

17 6-15-1703. Professional development.

18 (a) The State Board of Education's Standards for Accreditation of  
 19 Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts shall require the following  
 20 professional development hours according to the professional development  
 21 schedule under § 6-17-709:

22 (1) Two (2) ~~or more~~ hours of professional development as part of  
 23 the ~~annual~~ minimum number of hours of professional development required for  
 24 teachers, designed to enhance understanding of effective parental involvement  
 25 strategies; and

26 (2) ~~Three (3) or more~~ Two (2) hours of professional development  
 27 as part of the ~~annual~~ minimum number of hours of professional development  
 28 required for administrators, designed to enhance understanding of:

29 (A) Effective parent involvement strategies; and

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

32 ~~(b) The Department of Education shall provide the professional~~  
 33 ~~development required under this section.~~

34 ~~(e)(b)~~ Each A school district shall provide training at least annually  
 35 for volunteers who assist in an instructional program for parents.

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1 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-17-703 is amended to read as follows:

2 6-17-703. Arkansas history in-service training.

3 (a) ~~Every school district in this state~~ A school district shall  
4 provide two (2) hours of substantive and meaningful ~~in-service training~~  
5 professional development in Arkansas history ~~each school year~~ for  
6 its teachers who provide instruction in Arkansas history according to the  
7 professional development schedule under § 6-17-709.

8 (b) The school district may provide the professional development:

9 (1) contract By contracting with an education service cooperative  
10 ~~to provide the training; or~~

11 (2) By using the Arkansas Online Professional Development  
12 Initiative under § 6-17-707.

13 (c) The ~~in-service training~~ professional development under this  
14 section shall count toward satisfaction of requirements for professional  
15 development in the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and  
16 School Districts.

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18 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-17-704(a), concerning a professional  
19 development plan, is amended to read as follows:

20 (a) As used in this section, "professional development" means a set of  
21 ~~coordinated set of~~ planned learning activities for teachers, administrators,  
22 and ~~classified nonlicensed school~~ employees that are standards-based and  
23 continuous;

24 (1) Is required by statute or the Department of Education; or

25 (2) Meets the following criteria:

26 (A) Is part of the minimum number of professional  
27 development hours required by law or by the department;

28 (B) Improves the knowledge, skills, and effectiveness of  
29 teachers;

30 (C) Improves the knowledge and skills of administrators  
31 and paraprofessionals concerning effective instructional strategies, methods,  
32 and skills;

33 (D) Leads to improved student academic achievement; and

34 (E) Is research-based and standards-based.

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36 SECTION 5 Arkansas Code § 6-17-704(c)(1), concerning a professional

1 development plan, is amended to read as follows:

2 (c)(1) ~~Beginning with school year 2004-2005, each~~ Annually, each  
3 school district shall prepare a professional development plan.

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5 SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 6-17-704(e), concerning a professional  
6 development plan, is amended to read as follows:

7 ~~(e)(1) The professional development offerings may meet the objectives~~  
8 ~~of subdivision (e)(2) of this section developed by the National Staff~~  
9 ~~Development Council and shall comply with the rules of the State Board of~~  
10 ~~Education governing professional development.~~

11 ~~(2) Professional development that improves the learning of all~~  
12 ~~students;~~

13 ~~(A) Requires skillful school and school district leaders~~  
14 ~~who guide continuous instructional improvement;~~

15 ~~(B) Organizes educators into learning communities whose~~  
16 ~~goals are aligned with those of the school and school district;~~

17 ~~(C) Provides resources to support educator learning and~~  
18 ~~collaboration;~~

19 ~~(D) Uses disaggregated student data to determine educator~~  
20 ~~learning priorities, monitor progress, and help sustain continuous~~  
21 ~~improvements;~~

22 ~~(E) Uses multiple sources of information to guide educator~~  
23 ~~improvement and demonstrate its impact;~~

24 ~~(F) Prepares educators to apply research to decision~~  
25 ~~making;~~

26 ~~(G) Uses learning strategies appropriate to the intended~~  
27 ~~goal;~~

28 ~~(H) Applies knowledge about human learning and change;~~

29 ~~(I) Prepares educators to understand and appreciate all~~  
30 ~~students;~~

31 ~~(J) Creates safe, orderly, and supportive learning~~  
32 ~~environments;~~

33 ~~(K) Holds high expectations for the students' academic~~  
34 ~~achievement;~~

35 ~~(L) Deepens educators' content knowledge;~~

36 ~~(M) Provides educators with research-based instructional~~

1 ~~strategies to assist students in meeting rigorous academic standards;~~

2 ~~(N) Prepares educators to use various types of classroom~~  
3 ~~assessments appropriately;~~

4 ~~(O) Provides educators with knowledge and skills to~~  
5 ~~appropriately involve families and other stakeholders in education;~~

6 ~~(P) Provides educators with knowledge and skills needed to~~  
7 ~~teach students with disabilities, including without limitation autism; and~~

8 ~~(Q) Provides educators with knowledge and skills needed to~~  
9 ~~teach culturally and linguistically diverse students.~~

10 (e) The professional development under this section:

11 (1) Shall comply with the Arkansas Department of Education Rules  
12 Governing Professional Development; and

13 (2) May provide educators with knowledge and skills needed to  
14 teach:

15 (A) Students with disabilities, including without  
16 limitation autism; and

17 (B) Culturally and linguistically diverse students.

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19 SECTION 7. Arkansas Code §6-17-708 is amended to read as follows:

20 6-17-708. Teen suicide awareness and prevention in-service training.

21 (a)(1) ~~Beginning in the 2012-2013 school year, the~~ The Department of  
22 Education shall require two (2) hours of ~~in-service training~~ professional  
23 development in teen suicide awareness and prevention ~~one (1) time every five~~  
24 ~~(5) school years~~ for licensed public school personnel according to the  
25 professional development schedule under § 6-17-709.

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

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

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34 SECTION 8. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 17, Subchapter 7, is amended  
35 to add an additional section to read as follows:

36 6-17-709. Professional development schedule.

1 (a) Beginning with the 2013-2014 school year, a school district or an  
2 open-enrollment public charter school shall make available to the appropriate  
3 licensed personnel the following professional development:

4 (1) In the 2013-2014 school year and every fourth school year  
5 thereafter, the professional development for mandated reporters and licensed  
6 elementary and secondary public school personnel required under § 6-61-133;

7 (2) In the 2014-2015 school year and every fourth school year  
8 thereafter, the parental involvement professional development under § 6-15-  
9 1703;

10 (3) In the 2015-2016 school year and every fourth school year  
11 thereafter, the teen suicide awareness and prevention professional  
12 development required under § 6-17-708; and

13 (4) In the 2016-2017 school year and every fourth school year  
14 thereafter, the Arkansas history professional development required under § 6-  
15 17-703.

16 (b)(1) Two (2) hours of the professional development required by  
17 subsection (a) of this section shall be counted in one (1) school year toward  
18 the minimum number of hours of professional development required for licensed  
19 educators under the Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing  
20 Professional Development.

21 (2) If additional hours are obtained by a licensed educator, the  
22 school district may count those hours as part of the minimum number of hours  
23 of professional development required for licensed educators under the  
24 Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing Professional Development.

25 (c) Annually, the State Board of Education may require up to six (6)  
26 hours of integrated professional development for licensed educators in  
27 educational technology.

28 (d) The Department of Education shall establish the curriculum under  
29 this section in collaboration with educational agencies and associations  
30 including without limitation the:

31 (1) Department of Higher Education;

32 (2) Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators;

33 (3) Arkansas Education Association;

34 (4) Arkansas School Boards Association;

35 (5) Arkansas Association for Supervision and Curriculum  
36 Development;

1 (6) Arkansas State Teachers Association; and

2 (7) Arkansas Rural Education Association.

3 (e)(1) The professional development under this subsection shall not  
4 be provided by a school district but shall be provided by:

5 (A) The Department of Education;

6 (B) An institutions of higher education; or

7 (C) Providers approved by the Department of Education.

8 (2)(A) Before a person receives a building level administrator's  
9 license, the person shall successfully complete the teacher evaluation  
10 professional development program.

11 (B) A person who receives an initial building level  
12 administrator's license shall complete the certification assessment for the  
13 teacher evaluation professional development program before or after receiving  
14 the initial building level administrator's license.

15 (3)(A) The Department of Education shall not issue an initial  
16 teaching license until the applicant verifies that he or she has obtained the  
17 required professional development concerning:

18 (A) Mandated reporters under § 6-61-133;

19 (B) Parental involvement under § 6-15-1703;

20 (C) Teen suicide awareness and prevention under § 6-  
21 17-708; and

22 (D) Arkansas history under § 6-17-703.

23 (B) For a teaching license issued under the state's  
24 reciprocity provisions to an out-of-state teacher, the Department of  
25 Education shall issue a provisional license until the licensee obtains the  
26 professional development identified in subdivision (e)(3)(A) of this section.

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28 SECTION 9. Arkansas Code § 6-17-2602(2), concerning the definition of  
29 "professional development" for purposes of the lifetime teaching license, is  
30 amended to read as follows:

31 (2) "Professional development" ~~means a coordinated set of~~  
32 ~~planned, learning development activities for teachers that are standards-~~  
33 ~~based and that meet the focus areas for professional development required by~~  
34 ~~the department~~ has the same meaning as the meaning given to the term under §  
35 6-17-704; and

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1 SECTION 10. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2303(15)(A), concerning the  
2 definition of "professional development" for school funding purposes, is  
3 amended to read as follows:

4 (15)(A) "Professional development" ~~means a coordinated set of~~  
5 ~~planned learning activities for teachers and administrators that are~~  
6 ~~standards-based~~ has the same meaning as the meaning given to the term under §  
7 6-17-704.

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9 SECTION 11. Arkansas Code § 6-61-133(c), concerning professional  
10 development for mandated reporters and licensed elementary and secondary  
11 public school personnel, is amended to read as follows:

12 6-61-133. Training Professional development for ~~mandatory mandated~~  
13 reporters and licensed elementary and secondary public school personnel.

14 (a) As used in this section:

15 (1) "Child maltreatment" means the abuse, sexual abuse, neglect,  
16 sexual exploitation, or abandonment of a child under the Child Maltreatment  
17 Act, § 12-18-101 et seq.; and

18 (2) "Licensed school personnel" means a person who works with  
19 students in an elementary or secondary public school, a public charter  
20 school, a school district, or an education service cooperative for whom a  
21 license issued by the State Board of Education is a condition of employment,  
22 including without limitation a:

23 (A) School or school district administrator;

24 (B) Teacher;

25 (C) Coach for a school athletics program;

26 (D) School counselor;

27 (E) School social worker;

28 (F) School psychologist; and

29 (G) School nurse.

30 (b) For each degree program at an institution of higher education in  
31 this state that is a prerequisite for licensure or certification in a  
32 profession in which the professional is a child maltreatment mandated  
33 reporter under the Child Maltreatment Act, § 12-18-101 et seq., the  
34 Department of Higher Education shall coordinate with all the institutions of  
35 higher education to ensure that before receiving a degree, each graduate  
36 receives the ~~training~~ professional development identified in subdivision

1 (d)(1) of this section.

2 (c) Licensed school personnel shall obtain the ~~training professional~~  
3 development identified in subsection (d) of this section ~~within twelve (12)~~  
4 ~~months of:~~

5 (1) ~~The~~ Not more than one (1) year before the individual's  
6 initial licensure; and

7 (2) ~~All subsequent renewals of the individual's license~~  
8 According to the professional development schedule under § 6-17-709.

9 (d)(1) The ~~training professional development~~ required under this  
10 section shall include without limitation:

11 (A) Recognizing the signs and symptoms of child  
12 maltreatment;

13 (B) The legal requirements of the Child Maltreatment Act,  
14 § 12-18-101 et seq., and the duties of mandated reporters under the act; and

15 (C) Methods for managing disclosures regarding child  
16 victims.

17 (2) In addition to the ~~training professional development~~  
18 required under subdivision (d)(1) of this section, licensed school personnel  
19 shall obtain ~~training professional development~~ in connecting a victim of  
20 child maltreatment to appropriate in-school services and other agencies,  
21 programs, and services needed to provide the child with the emotional and  
22 educational support the child needs to continue to be successful in school.

23 (e)(1) The ~~training professional development~~ obtained by licensed  
24 school personnel may be obtained as in-person or online ~~training professional~~  
25 development.

26 (2) The Arkansas Child Abuse/Rape/Domestic Violence Commission  
27 shall approve the curriculum for the ~~training professional development~~.

28 (3) Licensed school personnel shall document completed ~~training~~  
29 professional development according to the rules of the State Board of  
30 Education.

31 ~~(f) Licensed school personnel may substitute for the required number~~  
32 ~~of hours of staff development on parental involvement plans under § 6-15-1703~~  
33 ~~an equal number of hours of training obtained under this section.~~

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35 SECTION 12. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
36 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that it is the state's

1 constitutional obligation to provide a general, suitable, and efficient free  
2 system of public schools in the state; that the professional development of  
3 public school teachers and administrators is critical to the delivery of a  
4 constitutionally adequate education; and that this act is immediately  
5 necessary for school districts and educators to prepare for the professional  
6 development requirements needed for the 2013-2014 school year. Therefore, an  
7 emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for  
8 the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become  
9 effective on:

10 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

11 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,  
12 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the  
13 bill; or

14 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is  
15 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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