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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 691

5 By: Senator A. Clark  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO ADD TEACHERS IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE  
9 SIX (K-6) AS TEACHERS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL  
10 COMPENSATION FOR VOLUNTEERING TO TEACH MORE THAN THE  
11 *MAXIMUM NUMBER OF STUDENTS PERMITTED; TO DECLARE AN*  
12 *EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*  
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## Subtitle

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16 GRADE SIX (K-6) AS TEACHERS ELIGIBLE TO  
17 RECEIVE ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR  
18 VOLUNTEERING TO TEACH MORE THAN THE  
19 *MAXIMUM NUMBER OF STUDENTS PERMITTED; AND*  
20 *TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.*  
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-812(a), concerning teachers receiving  
27 additional compensation for volunteering to teach more than the maximum  
28 number of students permitted per day, is amended to read as follows:

29 *(a)(1) If a teacher in ~~grades seven through twelve (7-12)~~ grades five*  
30 *through twelve (5-12) volunteers to teach more than the maximum number of*  
31 *students permitted per day, per class, or per class period under the*  
32 *Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts,*  
33 *then the teacher's pay under his or her contract shall be increased by an*  
34 *amount proportionate to the teacher's base pay and the additional number of*  
35 *students taught by the teacher.*

36 (2) Subdivision (a)(1) of this section permits a teacher to



1 volunteer to teach more than the maximum number of students permitted per  
 2 day, per class, or per class period under the Standards for Accreditation of  
 3 Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts but does not permit a teacher to  
 4 exceed the maximum class size permitted under the Standards for Accreditation  
 5 of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts.

6 (3) A teacher in ~~grades seven through twelve (7-12)~~ grades five  
 7 through twelve (5-12) may volunteer to use his or her conference period  
 8 during the day to teach an additional class period or to teach more than the  
 9 maximum number of students per day, per class, or per class period and shall  
 10 be compensated at a ~~pro-rated~~ prorated portion of his or her contract for  
 11 both the extra class period and for every additional student he or she  
 12 teaches over the maximum number of students permitted per day, per class, or  
 13 per class period under the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public  
 14 Schools and School Districts.

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 16 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
 17 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that there is a shortage of  
 18 teachers in the public schools of this state; that some teachers are willing  
 19 to volunteer to teach for additional compensation more than the maximum  
 20 number of students allowed under the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas  
 21 Public Schools and School Districts; and that this act is immediately  
 22 necessary to allow public school districts time to procure agreements with  
 23 teachers to teach more than the maximum number of students allowed under the  
 24 Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts  
 25 for the 2017-2018 school year. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist,  
 26 and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public  
 27 peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

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

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

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

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 35 /s/A. Clark  
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