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Call Item 4

A Bill

SENATE BILL 5

5 By: Senators J. Dismang, J. Key, Bledsoe, Caldwell, E. Cheatham, J. English, J. Hendren, Hickey,
6 Holland, J. Hutchinson, K. Ingram, B. Pierce, D. Sanders
7 By: Representative McLean

For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR TEACHER
11 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY;
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

16 TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENT FOR TEACHER
17 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TO DECLARE
18 AN EMERGENCY.

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

23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-409(f)(2)(B), concerning the
24 professional development credit for the hours of training in pedagogy for
25 nontraditional licensure, is amended to read as follows:

26 (B) The twenty-four (24) hours of training in pedagogy are
27 in addition to and not considered a part of the ~~sixty (60) hours of~~
28 professional development required for teachers by their employing school
29 district or public school.

31 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-17-705(c), concerning professional
32 development credit for teacher preparation, is amended to read as follows:

33 (c) Licensed personnel may earn ~~the~~ up to twelve (12) hours of
34 professional development credit required under subsection (a) of this section
35 through online professional development credit approved by the Department of
36 Education and related to the:



1 (1) School district’s Arkansas Comprehensive School Improvement
2 Plan; or

3 (2) Teacher’s professional learning plan under the Teacher
4 Excellence and Support System, § 6-17-2801 et seq.

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6 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-17-1202(3), concerning the definition of
7 "month or major portion thereof" under the Teachers’ Minimum Sick Leave Law,
8 is amended to read as follows:

9 (3) “Month or major portion thereof” means twelve (12) or more
10 working days in a calendar month, including all professional development days
11 required by the school district that count toward the ~~annual sixty (60)~~ hours
12 of required professional development for a teacher;

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14 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(b)(5)(B), concerning state
15 categorical funding for professional development, is amended to read as
16 follows:

17 (B) For the 2014-2015 school year and each school year
18 thereafter, professional development funding shall be equal to an amount of
19 up to ~~fifty four dollars (\$54.00)~~ thirty-two dollars and forty cents (\$32.40)
20 multiplied by the school district’s previous school year average daily
21 membership.

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23 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
24 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the Public School Insurance
25 Trust Fund is inadequate to provide affordable health insurance for public
26 school employees; changes to the funding system for public school employee
27 health insurance is necessary to ensure a stable and affordable program of
28 health insurance plan options; and that this act is necessary to provide
29 additional funding for public school employee health insurance. Therefore,
30 an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being necessary for the
31 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective
32 on July 1, 2014.

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35 **APPROVED: 10/21/2013**