

1 State of Arkansas
2 85th General Assembly
3 First Extraordinary Session, 2006
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Call Item 11

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1012

5 By: Representatives Mahony, Elliott, Cook, Walters
6 By: Senators Argue, Broadway, J. Jeffress
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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN
11 THE DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGY-BASED OR OTHER
12 ENHANCED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES;
13 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 EDUCATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF
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18 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-707, concerning the statewide
25 professional development program, is amended to add an additional subsection
26 to read as follows:

27 (i) The Department of Education shall further enhance its leadership
28 role in professional development for certified personnel by:

29 (1) Developing technology-based professional development
30 programs and other enhanced professional development options for school
31 districts and certified personnel; and

32 (2) Employing no fewer than two (2) persons who have a high
33 level of expertise in professional development for the purpose of enhancing
34 professional development opportunities as set forth in this section.
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36 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the



1 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the Arkansas Supreme Court
2 declared the public school funding system to be inadequate and that the
3 public schools are operating under a constitutional infirmity which must be
4 corrected immediately; and that to correct the constitutional infirmity
5 opportunities for an adequate education should be enhanced by improving
6 professional development options for school districts and certified
7 personnel. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being
8 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall
9 become 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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