

1 State of Arkansas

As Engrossed: S4/6/06 S4/7/06

Call Item 11

2 85th General Assembly

A Bill

3 First Extraordinary Session, 2006

HOUSE BILL 1012

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5 By: Representatives Mahony, Elliott, Cook, Walters

6 By: Senators Argue, Broadway, J. Jeffress

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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AN ACT TO ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN

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ENHANCED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES;

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AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

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

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SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-707, concerning the statewide

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professional development program, is amended to add an additional subsection

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to read as follows:

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

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

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(2) Employing two (2) persons who have a high level of expertise

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in professional development for the purpose of enhancing professional development opportunities as set forth in this section.

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SECTION 2. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED

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1 SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
2 TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED.

3 (a)(1) On the effective date of this act the Chief Fiscal
4 Officer of the State shall transfer from the unexpended balances of the
5 Department of Education Public School Fund Account to the Department of
6 Education Fund Account the sum of four hundred seventy-five thousand seven
7 hundred sixty-two dollars (\$475,762) to provide funding for the personal
8 services and operating expenses of enhanced professional development
9 programs.

10 (2) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall not
11 transfer any funds under subsection (a) of Section 14 of the act that was
12 introduced as Senate Bill 21 of the 1st Extraordinary Session of 2006 or
13 subsection (a) of Section 14 of the act introduced as House Bill 1023 of the
14 1st Extraordinary Session of 2006, but the positions authorized in Section 3
15 and the appropriation in Section 4 of the act introduced as Senate Bill 21 of
16 the 1st Extraordinary Session of 2006 and the positions authorized in Section
17 3 and the appropriation in Section 4 of House Bill 1023 of the 1st
18 Extraordinary Session of 2006 shall be effective and funded as set forth in
19 subdivision (a)(1) of this section.

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21 SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
22 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the Arkansas Supreme Court
23 declared the public school funding system to be inadequate and that the
24 public schools are operating under a constitutional infirmity which must be
25 corrected immediately; and that to correct the constitutional infirmity
26 opportunities for an adequate education should be enhanced by improving
27 professional development options for school districts and certified
28 personnel. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being
29 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and
30 safety shall become effective on:

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

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

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

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/s/ Mahony