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A Bill

SENATE BILL 366

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION TO A
TEACHER IN GRADES SEVEN THROUGH TWELVE (7-12) WHO
ELECTS TO TEACH MORE THAN THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF
STUDENTS PERMITTED UNDER THE STANDARDS FOR
ACCREDITATION OF ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL
DISTRICTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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TEACHER IN GRADES SEVEN THROUGH TWELVE
(7-12) WHO ELECTS TO TEACH MORE THAN THE
MAXIMUM NUMBER OF STUDENTS PERMITTED.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 17, Subchapter 8, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-17-812. Compensation for teaching more than the maximum number of students permitted.

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

(2) Subdivision (a)(1) of this section permits a teacher to volunteer to teach more than the maximum number of students permitted per day



under the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts but does not permit a teacher to exceed the maximum class size permitted under the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts.

(3) A teacher in grades seven through twelve (7-12) may volunteer to use his or her conference period during the day to teach an additional class period or to teach more than the maximum number of students per day and shall be compensated at a pro-rated portion of his or her contract for both the extra class period and for every additional student they teach over the maximum number of students permitted per day under the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts.

(b)(1) A teacher is not required to teach more than the maximum number of students permitted per day under the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts but a teacher may voluntarily teach more than the maximum number of students permitted per day.

(2) A teacher who volunteers under subsection (a) of this section shall sign an agreement with the school district for the additional compensation that is applicable to the semester in which the teacher volunteers to teach more than the maximum number of students permitted per day under the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts.

(3)(A) Neither the school district or the teacher are obligated to enter into or renew an agreement or continue an agreement past the semester in which the agreement is signed.

(B) An agreement between the teacher and the school district shall be signed before any additional compensation is provided.

(C) The provisions of § 6-17-1501 et seq. do not apply to an agreement entered into between a teacher and a school district under this section.

(4) A public school or school district that enters into, renews, or continues an agreement with a teacher under this section is not in violation of the Standards of Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts because the teacher teaches more than the maximum number of students per day.

(c) A school district shall adopt a policy to implement this section.

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