

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 691

By: Senator A. Clark

For An Act To Be Entitled

*AN ACT TO ADD TEACHERS IN GRADES FIVE (5) AND SIX (6)
AS TEACHERS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL
COMPENSATION FOR VOLUNTEERING TO TEACH MORE THAN THE
MAXIMUM NUMBER OF STUDENTS PERMITTED; TO DECLARE AN
EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

Subtitle

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SIX (6) AS TEACHERS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE
ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR VOLUNTEERING
TO TEACH MORE THAN THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF
STUDENTS PERMITTED; AND TO DECLARE AN
EMERGENCY.*

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-812(a), concerning teachers receiving additional compensation for volunteering to teach more than the maximum number of students permitted per day, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) If a teacher in ~~grades seven through twelve (7-12)~~ grades five through twelve (5-12) 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 or subdivision (a)(4)(A) of this section, 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 or subdivision (a)(4)(A) of this section 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)~~ grades five through twelve (5-12) 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~~ prorated portion of his or her contract for both the extra class period and for every additional student he or she teaches over the maximum number of students permitted per day under the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts or subdivision (a)(4)(A) of this section.

(4)(A) The maximum number of students a teacher in grades five through twelve (5-12) is permitted to teach without receiving additional compensation under this section shall not exceed one hundred fifty (150) students.

(B) The Department of Education shall include in the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts the maximum number of students under subdivision (a)(4)(A) of this section.

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

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

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

bill; or

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

/s/A. Clark

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