

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.  
Act 427 of the Regular Session

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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1154

By: Representatives Cozart, Gillam, Eubanks

By: Senator J. English

**For An Act To Be Entitled**

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT ANY INCREASES IN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING EACH SCHOOL YEAR BE USED FOR PROFESSIONAL *LEARNING* COMMUNITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Subtitle**

TO REQUIRE THAT ANY INCREASES IN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING EACH SCHOOL YEAR BE USED FOR PROFESSIONAL *LEARNING* COMMUNITIES.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(b)(5), concerning professional development funding, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(C)(i) Additional funding provided for professional development above the amount in subdivision (b)(5)(A) of this section shall be used by the Department of Education for the development and administration of professional learning communities for the benefit of public school districts.

(ii)(a) The Department of Education shall promulgate rules to administer the additional professional development funding under subdivision (b)(5)(C)(i) of this section.

(b) The Department of Education may partner with or choose a person, firm, corporation, or education service cooperative



to provide the knowledge, skills, experience, and expertise for the development of a research-based process for the implementation of professional learning communities.

*/s/Cozart*

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