

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1807

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT TO DESIGNATE FOR TEACHERS A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME EACH WEEK FOR INDIVIDUAL PLANNING TIME; TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE WITH RESPECT TO INDIVIDUAL PLANNING TIME OF A TEACHER; TO AMEND THE DEFINITIONS OF "NONINSTRUCTIONAL DUTIES" AND "INSTRUCTIONAL PURPOSES" WITH RESPECT TO PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REQUIRE A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO DESIGNATE A TIME EACH WEEK FOR INDIVIDUAL PLANNING TIME; AND TO AMEND THE DEFINITIONS OF "NONINSTRUCTIONAL DUTIES" AND "INSTRUCTIONAL PURPOSES" WITH RESPECT TO PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-114(a)(1), concerning time for certain activities that must be provided by a public school district to each teacher, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1)(A) Effective beginning the ~~2003-2004~~ 2019-2020 school year, each public school district in this state shall provide a minimum of two hundred (200) minutes each week for each teacher to schedule time for conferences, instructional planning, collaboration, and preparation for all classroom teachers employed by the public school district.



(B) Of the minimum two hundred (200) minutes each week provided under subdivision (a)(1)(A) of this section, eighty (80) minutes each week shall be designated for individual planning time.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-17-114(b), concerning the prohibition against a school district lengthening the school day in to accommodate planning time for teachers, is amended to read as follows:

~~(b)(1) No A public school district shall provide planning time as required by this section by lengthening~~ not lengthen the school day in order to provide planning time required by this section unless the public school district compensates teachers for the additional time at an hourly per diem rate.

~~(2) Any teacher not receiving individual planning time as provided for in this section shall be compensated for the planning time lost at his or her hourly rate of pay.~~

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-17-117(b), concerning the definitions of "noninstructional duties" and "instructional purposes", is amended to read as follows:

(b) As used in this section:

(1) "Noninstructional duties" means the supervision of students before or after the instructional day begins or ends for students ~~or for the supervision of students during breakfasts, lunches, recesses, or scheduled breaks;~~ and

(2) "Instructional purposes" means activities initiated by the teacher related to teaching duties, including, ~~but not limited to,~~ without limitation contacting parents, assessing student performance, documenting student performance, organizing the classroom, preparing instructional materials, supervising students, and other teaching responsibilities related to instructional planning and the direct instruction of students.