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Call Item 4

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1009

5 By: Representatives McLean, Alexander, E. Armstrong, Baltz, Bragg, Carnine, Clemmer, Copenhaver,
6 Dale, J. Edwards, Hillman, Hodges, House, Jett, Lampkin, Lea, Leding, Lenderman, Love, Magie,
7 Nickels, B. Overbey, Ratliff, Richey, Sabin, Scott, W. Wagner
8 By: Senators J. Dismang, J. Key, Bledsoe, Caldwell, E. Cheatham, J. English, J. Hendren, Hickey,
9 Holland, J. Hutchinson, K. Ingram, B. Pierce, D. Sanders

For An Act To Be Entitled

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11 AN ACT TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR TEACHER
12 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY;
13 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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17 TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENT FOR TEACHER
18 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TO DECLARE
19 AN EMERGENCY.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-409(f)(2)(B), concerning the
26 professional development credit for the hours of training in pedagogy for
27 nontraditional licensure, is amended to read as follows:

28 (B) The twenty-four (24) hours of training in pedagogy are
29 in addition to and not considered a part of the ~~sixty (60) hours of~~
30 professional development required for teachers by their employing school
31 district or public school.
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33 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-17-705(c), concerning professional
34 development credit for teacher preparation, is amended to read as follows:

35 (c) Licensed personnel may earn ~~the~~ up to twelve (12) hours of
36 professional development credit required under subsection (a) of this section



1 through online professional development credit approved by the Department of
2 Education and related to the:

3 (1) School district's Arkansas Comprehensive School Improvement
4 Plan; or

5 (2) Teacher's professional learning plan under the Teacher
6 Excellence and Support System, § 6-17-2801 et seq.

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8 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-17-1202(3), concerning the definition of
9 "month or major portion thereof" under the Teachers' Minimum Sick Leave Law,
10 is amended to read as follows:

11 (3) "Month or major portion thereof" means twelve (12) or more
12 working days in a calendar month, including all professional development days
13 required by the school district that count toward the ~~annual sixty (60)~~ hours
14 of required professional development for a teacher;

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16 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(b)(5)(B), concerning state
17 categorical funding for professional development, is amended to read as
18 follows:

19 (B) For the 2014-2015 school year and each school year
20 thereafter, professional development funding shall be equal to an amount of
21 up to ~~fifty-four dollars (\$54.00)~~ thirty-two dollars and forty cents (\$32.40)
22 multiplied by the school district's previous school year average daily
23 membership.

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25 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
26 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the Public School Insurance
27 Trust Fund is inadequate to provide affordable health insurance for public
28 school employees; changes to the funding system for public school employee
29 health insurance is necessary to ensure a stable and affordable program of
30 health insurance plan options; and that this act is necessary to provide
31 additional funding for public school employee health insurance. Therefore,
32 an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being necessary for the
33 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective
34 on July 1, 2014.