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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

18 TO REQUIRE A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO DESIGNATE
19 A TIME EACH WEEK FOR INDIVIDUAL PLANNING
20 TIME; AND TO AMEND THE DEFINITIONS OF
21 "NONINSTRUCTIONAL DUTIES" AND
22 "INSTRUCTIONAL PURPOSES" WITH RESPECT TO
23 PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS
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27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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29 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-114(a)(1), concerning time for certain
30 activities that must be provided by a public school district to each teacher,
31 is amended to read as follows:

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



1 (B) Of the minimum two hundred (200) minutes each week
 2 provided under subdivision (a)(1)(A) of this section, eighty (80) minutes
 3 each week shall be designated for individual planning time.
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5 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-17-114(b), concerning the prohibition
 6 against a school district lengthening the school day in to accommodate
 7 planning time for teachers, is amended to read as follows:

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

13 ~~(2) Any teacher not receiving individual planning time as~~
 14 ~~provided for in this section shall be compensated for the planning time lost~~
 15 ~~at his or her hourly rate of pay.~~
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17 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-17-117(b), concerning the definitions of
 18 "noninstructional duties" and "instructional purposes", is amended to read as
 19 follows:

20 (b) As used in this section:

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

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