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.

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