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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1364

By: Representative Hobbs
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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE TEACHER LICENSURE LAW FOR
NONTRADITIONAL APPLICANTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE TEACHER LICENSURE LAW FOR
NONTRADITIONAL APPLICANTS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-409(e)(1)-(3), concerning nontraditional licensure of public school teachers, is amended to read as follows:

(e)(1) As used in this subsection, "accelerated teaching program" means a program intended for college graduates that provides intensive training and support for a period of two (2) or more years for teaching and leading in schools.

(2) The state board shall issue a standard five-year teaching license to an applicant if the applicant has:

(A) Either:

(i) Successfully completed an accelerated teaching program, including:

(a) ~~the two-year~~ The Teach for America program;

(b) The Arkansas Teacher Corps program offered by the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville; or

(c) Another accelerated teaching program



approved by the department; or

(ii) Been awarded a master's degree in teaching from an accredited program at an institution of higher education; and

(B) Successfully completed the criminal records checks and Child Maltreatment Central Registry check under § 6-17-410.

~~(2)~~(3) The state board shall issue to an applicant who is in ~~the Teach for America~~ an accelerated teaching program a provisional teaching license valid for the entire ~~two-year~~ period that the applicant is:

(A) ~~In Participating in the Teach for America~~ accelerated teaching program; and

(B) Teaching in an Arkansas public school.

~~(3)~~(4) The state board may require an applicant who meets the criteria of subdivision (e)(2) of this section to submit proof of the following academic eligibility:

(A) A passing score, as set by the state board, on a state-required pedagogical and content-area assessment; and

(B)(i) If required by the grade level and content area for which the applicant seeks licensure, successful completion of courses in Arkansas ~~History~~ history or Methods of Teaching Reading, or both.

(ii) An applicant who has successfully completed ~~the two-year Teach for America~~ an accelerated teaching program is exempt from the Methods of Teaching Reading requirement;

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