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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1552

By: Representative McNair  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ALTER THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A LIFETIME  
TEACHING LICENSE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO ALTER THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A LIFETIME  
TEACHING LICENSE.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-2603 is amended to read as follows:  
6-17-2603. Eligibility.

To be eligible for a lifetime teaching license, the licensed educator  
must:

- (1) Hold a current or expired Arkansas teaching license;
- (2) Be either:

(A) at At least sixty-two (62) years of age; or

(B) Retired from active teaching under §§ 24-7-701, 24-7-702, or 24-7-704; and

- (3) Have either:

(A) Worked in an educational setting while maintaining an  
Arkansas teaching license; or

(B) Made significant contributions to education,  
educational research, or the profession of teaching through scholarly  
endeavors, teaching experience, excellence in teaching, or educational  
innovation.



SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-17-2605(c), concerning professional development for a lifetime teaching license holder, is repealed.

~~(c) A lifetime teaching license holder who has not taught in an educational setting for one (1) or more years shall be required to provide to the Department of Education verification of twenty (20) hours of professional development prior to reentering the educational setting.~~

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