

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1678

By: Representative F. Allen

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE HIGHLY QUALIFIED PROFESSOR
AND TEACHER ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ESTABLISH THE HIGHLY QUALIFIED
PROFESSOR AND TEACHER ACT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 63, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-63-105. Highly Qualified Professor and Teacher Act.

(a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Highly Qualified Professor and Teacher Act".

(b) A university professor or an assistant professor may receive a teaching license issued by the State Board of Education upon performing application requirements under § 6-17-401 et seq.

(c) The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to implement this section.

SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Rules.

(a) When adopting the initial rules required under this act, the State Board of Education shall file the final rules with the Secretary of State for adoption under § 25-15-204(f):

(1) On or before January 1, 2022; or

(2) If approval under § 10-3-309 has not occurred by January 1, 2022, as soon as practicable after approval under § 10-3-309.



(b) The board shall file the proposed rules with the Legislative Council under § 10-3-309(c) sufficiently in advance of January 1, 2022, so that the Legislative Council may consider the rules for approval before January 1, 2022.

/s/F. Allen

APPROVED: 4/12/21