

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

HOUSE BILL 1463

By: Representative L. Johnson

By: Senator J. Dotson

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RULES FOR  
A TIERED SYSTEM OF EDUCATOR LICENSURE; TO AMEND THE  
LAW CONCERNING THE TYPE OF LICENSE ISSUED TO CERTAIN  
APPLICANTS IN AN ALTERNATIVE EDUCATOR PREPARATION  
PROGRAM; TO

### Subtitle

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FOR A TIERED SYSTEM OF EDUCATOR  
LICENSURE; AND TO AMEND THE LAW  
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CERTAIN APPLICANTS IN AN ALTERNATIVE  
EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-402(c)(2)(A)(i), concerning State Board of Education rules regarding a tiered system of licensure as they pertain to required tests for individuals applying for first-time licensure, is amended to read as follows:

(i)(a) A person applying for first-time licensure as a secondary-level teacher or as an administrator in the public schools or a licensed secondary-level teacher, a licensed elementary general education teacher, or an administrator applying for a license in an additional area shall ~~take and complete a test~~ meet licensure requirements approved by the State Board of Education, ~~and submit the scores to the division~~



(b) After meeting requirements for the issuance of a standard license or provisional license, a person may be approved for an Additional Licensure Plan to add an area of endorsement; and

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-17-409(d)(1), concerning alternative educator preparation programs, is amended to read as follows:

(d)(1) The State Board of Education shall issue to an applicant who is in an alternative educator preparation program a provisional teaching license that is issued under the ~~state board's~~ State Board of Education's rules governing provisional licensure.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-17-409, concerning alternative educator preparation programs, is amended to read as follows:

(h) A provisional license issued under this section is equivalent to a standard license for the purpose of applying for a Driver's Education Licensure Endorsement through the Additional Licensure Plan.

*/s/L. Johnson*

**APPROVED: 3/30/23**