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A Bill

SENATE BILL 228

By: Senator K. Hammer
By: Representative Hawk

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING A WAIVER FOR A RENEWED BACKGROUND CHECK GRANTED BY A BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF AN EDUCATIONAL ENTITY TO AN APPLICANT FOR A NONLICENSED STAFF POSITION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING A WAIVER FOR A RENEWED BACKGROUND CHECK GRANTED BY A BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF AN EDUCATIONAL ENTITY TO AN APPLICANT FOR A NONLICENSED STAFF POSITION.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-414(g)(5), concerning a waiver of the required background check for a nonlicensed staff position granted by the adoption of a resolution by the board of trustees of an educational entity, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(D) A waiver granted by a board of directors of an educational entity under this subdivision (g)(5) shall be valid for the duration of the applicant's employment with the educational entity only if the applicant does not experience:

(i) A break in employment with the educational entity after receiving the waiver; and

(ii) An additional disqualifying conviction under this section after receiving the waiver.

APPROVED: 2/27/25

