

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 518

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PROFESSIONAL
LICENSURE STANDARDS BOARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE
PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE STANDARDS BOARD.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-422(b)(1), concerning the membership of the Professional Licensure Standards Board, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) The Professional Licensure Standards Board shall consist of ~~fifteen (15)~~ sixteen (16) members appointed by the State Board of Education as follows:

(A) The Commissioner of Education or his or her designee, who shall serve as a nonvoting member;

(B) The Director of the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education or his or her designee, who shall serve as a nonvoting member;

~~(B)(i)(C)~~ (C) Four (4) public school classroom teachers with a valid Arkansas teaching license who are recommended by the Arkansas Education Association, and who teach at:

~~(ii) The four (4) public school classroom teachers shall represent the four (4) congressional districts in Arkansas and include classroom teachers who are licensed and teach at:~~

~~(a)(i)~~ (i) A licensure level of ~~prekindergarten through grade four (preK-4)~~ birth to kindergarten;



~~(b)(ii)~~ A licensure level of kindergarten through grade six (K-6);

~~(iii)~~ A licensure level of grades four through eight (4-8); and

~~(e)(v)~~ A licensure level of grades seven through twelve (7-12); and

~~(d)~~ Any licensure level to serve in one (1) at-large position;

~~(C)(i)(D)(i)~~ Four (4) persons with valid Arkansas teaching and administrator's licenses who ~~represent the four (4) congressional districts in Arkansas and~~ are recommended by the Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators.

(ii)(a) One (1) person shall hold a ~~P-8~~ building-level ~~leader~~ administrator's license and serve as a middle-level building ~~leader~~ administrator.

(b) Two (2) persons shall be public school superintendents with valid Arkansas teaching and district-level administrator's licenses recommended by the Arkansas Association of ~~School~~ Educational Administrators.

(c) One (1) person shall be a public school administrator with a valid Arkansas teaching and building-level or district-level administrator's license recommended by the Arkansas Association of School Personnel Administrators;

~~(D)(E)~~ One (1) nonvoting representative designated by the Department of Education from its ~~offices of licensure and teacher quality~~ Human Resources, Educator Effectiveness and Licensure Division recommended by the commissioner;

~~(E)(i)(F)(i)~~ Three (3) deans of education from Arkansas institutions of higher education recommended by the Arkansas Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

(ii)(a) One (1) dean shall be from a private institution of higher education.

(b) One (1) dean shall be from a public institution of higher education.

(c) One (1) dean who has knowledge of licensure issues;

~~(F)~~(G) One (1) coordinator of educational leadership recommended by the Arkansas Professors of Educational Administration; and

~~(G)~~(H) One (1) curriculum program administrator person with a valid curriculum/program administrator's license recommended by the Arkansas Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-17-422(c), concerning appointments to the Professional Licensure Standards Board, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(3)(A) If the membership of the Professional Licensure Standards Board is changed by law, the affected positions will be filled as follows:

(A) When the qualifications for a sitting member's position are changed during the member's term, the member shall complete his or her term and the new qualifications shall apply at the expiration of the member's term; and

(B) If a new position on the Professional Licensure Standards Board is created, the State Board of Education shall appoint a qualified person to fill the new position as soon as practicable.