

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 744

By: Senator B. Johnson

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE
CONCERNING TEACHER LICENSURE; TO ADD AN OPTION FOR
ISSUING A STANDARD TEACHING LICENSE FOR
NONTRADITIONAL LICENSURE PROGRAMS; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ADD AN OPTION FOR ISSUING A STANDARD
TEACHING LICENSE FOR NONTRADITIONAL
LICENSURE PROGRAMS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-409(e)(2)(A)(i), concerning nontraditional licensure, is amended to read as follows:

(i) Successfully completed an accelerated teaching program, including:

(a) The Teach For America program;

(b) The Arkansas Teacher Corps program offered by the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville; or

(c) The American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence program; or

(d) Another accelerated teaching program approved by the department; ~~or~~

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-17-409(e)(4)(A), concerning requirements for nontraditional licensure, is amended to read as follows:



(A)(i) *Passing scores, as set by the state board, on state-required basic-skills, pedagogical, and content-area assessments, or their substantial equivalents.*

(ii) As used in this subdivision, “substantial equivalents” includes the assessments required by the American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence program; and

/s/B. Johnson