

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1343

By: Representatives Scott, Brooks, D. Garner, Gramlich, *Crawford, Pilkington*
By: Senator L. Chesterfield

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ALLOW THE CONTENTS OF A TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM TO INCLUDE CERTAIN CONTENT THAT PERTAINS TO EVIDENCE-BASED TRAUMA-INFORMED CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION WITHIN ITS CURRICULUM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ALLOW THE CONTENTS OF A TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM TO INCLUDE CERTAIN CONTENT THAT PERTAINS TO EVIDENCE-BASED TRAUMA-INFORMED CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION WITHIN ITS CURRICULUM.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 17, Subchapter 4, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-17-431. Teacher preparation program – Trauma-informed content.

(a) A teacher preparation program may include content within its curriculum that:

(1) Prepares teacher candidates to use evidence-based, trauma-informed classroom instruction and recognition of behavioral reactions to trauma that may interfere with a student's academic functioning; and

(2) Provides information on applicable state laws regarding other instructional requirements that will benefit from incorporating evidence-based, trauma-informed classroom instruction and recognition of behavioral reactions to trauma that may interfere with a student's academic



functioning.

(b) A teacher preparation program may use curricula that includes without limitation:

(1) Training on recognizing possible signs of behavioral reactions to trauma;

(2) Training on the potential impacts of trauma;

(3) Strategies for recognizing the signs and symptoms of trauma;

and

(4) Practical recommendations for running a trauma-informed classroom.

/s/Scott