

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

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1305

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO  
ISSUE A TEACHING LICENSE TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO DOES  
NOT MEET TRADITIONAL OR ALTERNATIVE LICENSURE  
REQUIREMENTS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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TO ISSUE A TEACHING LICENSE TO AN  
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OR ALTERNATIVE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS  
UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-410, concerning the issuance, revocation, and suspension of teaching licenses, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(k)(1) The state board shall issue a license to an individual who does not meet the educational requirements of a traditional license and does not qualify for licensure through other alternative educator preparation programs if the individual has been approved for licensure and hire by a public school district board of directors or a governing body of an open-enrollment public charter school.

(2) A public school district board of directors or a governing body of an open-enrollment public charter school that approves an individual for licensure and hire under subdivision (k)(1) of this section shall submit



a letter to the state board that requests the issuance of a license to the individual.

(3) An individual who is issued a license under this subsection (k) shall have one (1) of the following:

(A) A bachelor's degree in a subject matter related to the course material that he or she is being hired to teach;

(B) An associate degree or trade certification and five (5) years of documented career experience in a subject matter related to the course material that he or she is being hired to teach; or

(C) Ten (10) years of career experience in a subject matter related to the course material that he or she is being hired to teach.

(4) An individual shall not be issued a teaching license under this subsection if he or she has:

(A) A true report in the Child Maltreatment Central Registry;

(B) Pled guilty or nolo contendere to or been found guilty of any of the offenses under subsection (c) of this section by a court in the State of Arkansas or of any similar offense by a court in another state or by a federal court;

(C) Failed to apply for and pass a statewide and nationwide criminal records check conducted by the Division of Arkansas State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation; or

(D) Failed to provide his or her fingerprints for a statewide and nationwide criminal records check as required under § 6-17-417.

(5)(A) A license issued to an individual under this subsection shall be valid for only the duration of his or her employment with the public school district or open-enrollment public charter school that recommended him or her for licensure under subdivision (k)(2) of this section.

(B) Upon the conclusion of the individual's employment with the public school district or open-enrollment public charter school that recommended him or her for licensure under subdivision (k)(2) of this section, the individual's license under this subsection (k) shall expire.