	Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly. Act 1007 of the Regular Session
1	State of Arkansas
2	86th General Assembly A Bill
3	Regular Session, 2007 HOUSE BILL 2688
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5	By: Representatives Kenney, Anderson
6	By: Senators Bisbee, Hendren
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9	For An Act To Be Entitled
10	AN ACT TO MAINTAIN THE AVAILABILITY OF QUALIFIED
11	SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS FOR ARKANSAS PUBLIC
12	SCHOOL STUDENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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14	Subtitle
15	AN ACT TO MAINTAIN THE AVAILABILITY OF
16	QUALIFIED SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS FOR
17	ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS.
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20	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22	SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-309(b), concerning the requirement for
23	certification of teachers, is amended to read as follows:
24	(b)(l) If this requirement imposes an undue hardship on a school
25	district, the district may apply to the State Board of Education for a
26	waiver.
27	(2) The state board shall develop rules and regulations for
28	granting a waiver.
29	(3) Any school district that obtains a waiver shall send written
30	notice of the assignment to the parent or guardian of each student in the
31	classroom no later than the thirtieth school day after the date of the
32	assignment.
33	(4) The state board may waive or modify the requirement that an
34	applicant seeking licensure as a special education teacher complete an
35	additional performance-based program of study if the applicant is:



1	(A) Licensed in another state with a special education
2	license or endorsement; and
3	(B) Has taught special education students for not less
4	than five (5) years.
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