

**HOUSE AMENDMENT 1 TO hb2223.**

inserting "; TO AMEND ARK. CODE ANN. § 6-17-410 PERTAINING TO LETTERS OF PROVISIONAL ELIGIBILITY FOR A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY" on line 13 on page 1 between "DISTRICT" and ";"

AND

inserting a new Section on line 34 on page 1 to read as follows:

"SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-17-410(b) (1) is amended to read as follows:

" (b) (1) The State Board of Education is authorized to issue a six-month nonrenewable letter of provisional eligibility for licensure to a first-time applicant pending the results of the criminal records check; provided, however, that the Director of the Department of Education, General Education Division, is authorized to extend the period of provisional eligibility to the end of that contract year if:

(A) The applicant is employed by a local school district; and

(B) Results of the criminal records check are delayed."

AND

appropriately renumbering subsequent sections of the bill

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inserting a new section on line 10 on page 2 to read as follows:

"SECTION 6. EMERGENCY. It is found and determined by the General Assembly that in some instances the results of criminal records checks conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation on applicants for licensure by the State Board of Education are not received in a timely manner by the Department of Education; that under existing state law such applicants cannot continue in employment with local school districts, thereby creating hardship for school children, the school districts, and the employees and that the immediate implementation of this act is necessary to alleviate such hardship in the current school year. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall become effective on the date of its approval by the Governor. If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house overrides the veto."