

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.

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2357

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION,  
10 DEVELOPMENT, LICENSURE, AND ASSESSMENT BOARD; AND  
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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14 AN ACT TO CREATE THE PROFESSIONAL  
15 EDUCATION, DEVELOPMENT, LICENSURE, AND  
16 ASSESSMENT BOARD.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. (a) There is established a board to be known as the  
22 “Professional Education, Development, Licensure, and Assessment Board”.

23 (b) The board shall consist of fifteen (15) members as follows:

24 (1) Twelve (12) members to be selected by the State Board of  
25 Education as follows:

26 (A) One (1) public school teacher from each congressional  
27 district in the state selected as follows:

28 (i) Two (2) public school teachers selected from a  
29 list of no less than twelve (12) names with at least three (3) teachers from  
30 each congressional district in the state submitted by the Arkansas Education  
31 Association; and

32 (ii) Two (2) public school teachers selected from a  
33 list of no less than twelve (12) names with at least three (3) teachers  
34 certified by the National Board for Professional Teachers Standards from each  
35 congressional district in the state submitted by the Department of Education;

36 (B) One (1) public school administrator from each



1 congressional district in the state, two (2) of which shall be  
2 superintendents of a public school district, selected from a list of no less  
3 than twelve (12) names with at least three (3) persons from each  
4 congressional district submitted by the Arkansas Association of Educational  
5 Administrators; and

6 (C)(i) Four (4) representatives from schools, colleges, or  
7 departments of education at an institution of higher education, with one (1)  
8 selected from a list of no less than twelve (12) names with at least six (6)  
9 persons who are deans of a school, college, or department of education and at  
10 least three (3) persons who would be representative of an independent college  
11 or university submitted by the Arkansas Association of Colleges for Teacher  
12 Education.

13 (ii) Two (2) persons appointed under subdivision  
14 (b)(1)(C)(i) shall be deans of a school, college, or department of education  
15 and at least one (1) person appointed under subdivision (b)(1)(C)(i) shall be  
16 representative of an independent college or university;

17 (2) The Coordinator for Professional Quality Enhancement  
18 Division of the Department of Education in a non voting, ex officio capacity;

19 (3) The Coordinator for the Professional Licensure Division of  
20 the Department of Education in a non voting, ex officio capacity; and

21 (4) The Non traditional Licensure Program Advisor for the  
22 Department of Education in a non voting, ex officio capacity.

23 (c) Each appointed board member shall be a resident of the State of  
24 Arkansas at the time of appointment and throughout his or her term.

25 (d)(1) Each entity shall submit its list under subsection (b) of this  
26 section before July 1, 2003.

27 (2) The State Board of Education shall make the appointments  
28 before August 1, 2003.

29 (e) The Director of the Department of Education shall call the first  
30 meeting no later than September 1, 2003.

31 (f)(1) At the first meeting of the Professional Education,  
32 Development, Licensure, and Assessment Board, the members appointed by the  
33 State Board of Education shall draw lots to determine the terms of each  
34 member so that the terms of six (6) members shall expire in two (2) years and  
35 the terms of six (6) members shall expire in three (3) years.

36 (2) Subsequent appointments are for a term of three (3) years.

1       (g)(1) If a vacancy occurs in an appointed position, for any reason,  
2 the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

3               (2) The new appointee shall serve for the remainder of the  
4 unexpired term.

5               (3) Members may serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms.

6       (h)(1) At the first meeting of the Professional Education,  
7 Development, Licensure, and Assessment Board and each year thereafter, the  
8 members shall select from among themselves a chair and cochair.

9               (2) The Coordinator for the Professional Licensure Division of  
10 the Department of Education shall serve as secretary of the board.

11       (i)(1) The board shall meet at times and places the chairperson or a  
12 majority of the board deems necessary, but shall meet no less than quarterly.

13               (2) Meetings shall not be held outside of the State of Arkansas.

14               (3) Seven (7) members of the board shall constitute a quorum for  
15 the purpose of transacting business.

16               (4) All action of the board shall be by a quorum.

17       (j) The board shall:

18               (1) Establish, subject to the approval of the State Board of  
19 Education, standards for initial licensure of teachers in all subject fields  
20 and levels;

21               (2) Establish, subject to the approval of the State Board of  
22 Education, standards for licensure of administrators and support personnel;

23               (3) Establish, subject to approval of the State Board of  
24 Education, rules and regulations concerning program accreditation including  
25 traditional and non traditional routes to licensure;

26               (4) Establish, subject to approval for the State Board of  
27 Education, rules and regulations concerning initial, standard, and  
28 provisional licensure and the renewal of these licenses;

29               (5) Review, evaluate, and recommend assessments for existing and  
30 new licensure areas, and recommend minimum performance levels for issuance of  
31 a license;

32               (6) Review, evaluate, and recommend requirements of licensure  
33 renewal, including professional development;

34               (7) Review, evaluate, and recommend requirements for license  
35 reciprocity;

36               (8) Review, evaluate, and recommend requirements for adding

1 licensure areas and endorsements to an existing valid license;

2 (9) Consult with groups whose work may be affected by the  
3 Professional Education, Development, Licensure, and Assessment Board's  
4 recommendations;

5 (10) Request and review reports from the Arkansas Department of  
6 Education concerning licensed personnel and existing or potential shortage  
7 areas;

8 (11) Hold public hearings, along with Department of Education  
9 staff, prior to submitting recommendations concerning professional education,  
10 development, licensure, and assessment to the State Board of Education for  
11 approval; and

12 (12) Establish subcommittees as necessary to research the trends  
13 and impact of issues submitted to Professional Education, Development,  
14 Licensure, and Assessment Board for consideration.

15 (k) The Director of the Department of Education may present to the  
16 State Board of Education, as an agenda item, any measure that the  
17 Professional Education, Development, Licensure, and Assessment Board does not  
18 approve, but the State Board of Education shall be put on notice that the  
19 measure was not approved for recommendation to the State Board of Education.

20 (1)(1) The Department of Education shall provide staff and office  
21 space to the board.

22 (2)(A) Members of the board shall serve without pay.

23 (B) Members of the board may receive expense reimbursement  
24 in accordance with Arkansas Code § 25-16-902, to be paid by the Department of  
25 Education to the extent money is available.

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