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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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING INSTRUCTION BY SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

AN ACT CONCERNING INSTRUCTION BY SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-1004(e), concerning instruction by substitute teachers, is amended to read as follows:
(e)(l)(A)(i) No class of students shall be under the instruction of a substitute teacher or teachers for more than thirty (30) consecutive school days in the same class during a school year unless that teacher has the substitute teacher or teachers instructing the class have a bachelor's degree awarded by an accredited college or university or has been licensed to teach by the State of Arkansas.
(ii) A substitute teacher or teachers possessing a bachelor's degree shall continue to teach the class from at least the thirtyfirst consecutive day after the regular teacher is absent from the class until the return of the regular teacher to that class.
(B) This provision shall not apply to substitutes for nondegreed vocational-technical teachers.
(2) If this requirement imposes an undue hardship on a school district, the district may apply to the State Board of Education for a waiver.
(3) The board shall develop rules and regulations for granting a waiver.
(4) Any school district granted a waiver from this requirement shall be identified in the Department of Education's annual school district report card.
/s/ Walters, et al

