

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

SENATE BILL 108

5 By: Senator Teague
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROVIDE A LIFETIME TEACHING LICENSE TO
10 PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS WHO RETIRE AFTER TEACHING
11 FOR TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO PROVIDE A LIFETIME TEACHING LICENSE
16 TO PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS WHO RETIRE
17 AFTER TEACHING FOR TWENTY-FIVE (25)
18 YEARS.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-2603 is amended to read as follows:
24 6-17-2603. Eligibility.

25 To be eligible for a lifetime teaching license, the certified employee
26 must:

27 (1) Hold a current or expired Arkansas teaching license; or

28 (2) Meet the following criteria:

29 (A) Be over sixty-five (65) years of age, and have either:

30 ~~(3)-(A)-(i)~~ Worked in an educational
31 setting while maintaining an Arkansas teaching license; or

32 ~~(B)-(ii)~~ Made significant
33 contributions to education, educational research, or the profession of
34 teaching through scholarly endeavors, teaching experience, excellence in
35 teaching, or educational innovation; or

36 (B) Be a retired public school teacher who taught public



1 school for not less than twenty-five (25) years.

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3 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-17-2604(a) and (b), concerning the
4 application for a lifetime teaching license, are amended to read as follows:

5 (a)(1) ~~Beginning July 1, 2008, a~~ A person who meets the eligibility
6 requirements of § 6-17-2603 ~~and who wishes to obtain a lifetime teaching~~
7 ~~license shall apply for the lifetime teaching license within twelve (12)~~
8 ~~calendar months after his or her sixty fifth birthday~~ may apply for a
9 lifetime teaching license by filing an application with the Department of
10 Education.

11 (b)(1) The State Board of Education shall review the application.

12 (2) If the state board approves the application, ~~it~~ the state
13 board shall ~~continue~~ reissue the applicant's current or expired Arkansas
14 teaching license as a lifetime teaching license.

15 (3) ~~Lifetime teaching license applicants are~~ A lifetime teaching
16 license applicant is subject to a criminal background check under § 6-17-410
17 upon application.

18 /s/ Teague