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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1863

5 By: Representatives *Clemmer, Alexander, McLean, Carnine*
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE
9 ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAMS
10 AT STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION;
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 ARKANSAS TEACHER PREPARATION QUALITY ACT.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 17, is amended to add an*
21 *additional subchapter to read as follows:*
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23 *Subchapter 29 -- The Arkansas Teacher Preparation Program Quality Act*
24 *of 2013.*
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26 *6-17-2901. Title.*

27 *This subchapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Arkansas*
28 *Teacher Preparation Program Quality Act of 2013".*
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30 *6-17-2902. Findings.*

31 *The General Assembly finds that:*

32 *(1) Quality teacher preparation programs are essential in providing a*
33 *strong teacher workforce across the state;*

34 *(2) The state supports a variety of teacher preparation programs;*

35 *(3) A data system to track the effectiveness of teacher preparation*
36 *programs by following teachers is already established; and*



1 (4) The state and its citizens have a vested interest in the quality
2 of teacher preparation programs for teachers.

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4 6-17-2903. Intent.

5 It is the intent of the General Assembly to provide the public with
6 information regarding the quality and effectiveness of teacher preparation
7 programs in the state by evaluating teacher preparation programs using
8 measureable data that will:

9 (1) Support quality instructional practices in teacher preparation
10 programs;

11 (2) Improve student learning;

12 (3) Encourage teacher preparation programs to continually assess and
13 improve practices; and

14 (4) Improve teacher recruitment and retention efforts.

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16 6-17-2904. Reporting.

17 (a) Beginning on July 1, 2014, and each July 1 thereafter, the
18 Department of Education shall prepare a report on the effectiveness of all
19 teacher preparation programs in the state using data collected from each
20 teacher in his or her first five (5) years of placement as a teacher of
21 record in a school district.

22 (b) The report shall include, without limitation, the correlation
23 between different teacher preparation programs in the state and:

24 (1) Student academic achievement;

25 (2) Student academic growth;

26 (3) Student demographics;

27 (4) Teacher placement;

28 (5) Teacher mobility; and

29 (6) Teacher retention.

30 (c) The Department of Education shall collaborate with teacher
31 education program providers and the Department of Higher Education to make
32 the report available to the public on the website of the Department of
33 Education within thirty (30) days of completion.

34 (d) The information from the report shall be utilized by the State
35 Board of Education and teacher education program providers to evaluate and
36 improve the effectiveness of teacher education programs.

