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A Bill

SENATE BILL 744

5 By: Senator B. Johnson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE
9 CONCERNING TEACHER LICENSURE; TO ADD AN OPTION FOR
10 ISSUING A STANDARD TEACHING LICENSE FOR
11 NONTRADITIONAL LICENSURE PROGRAMS; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO ADD AN OPTION FOR ISSUING A STANDARD
16 TEACHING LICENSE FOR NONTRADITIONAL
17 LICENSURE PROGRAMS.
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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 § 6-17-409(e)(2)(A)(i), concerning*
24 *nontraditional licensure, is amended to read as follows:*

25 *(i) Successfully completed an accelerated teaching*
26 *program, including:*

27 *(a) The Teach For America program;*

28 *(b) The Arkansas Teacher Corps program offered*
29 *by the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville; or*

30 *(c) The American Board for Certification of*
31 *Teacher Excellence program; or*

32 *(d) Another accelerated teaching program*
33 *approved by the department; ~~or~~*
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35 *SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-17-409(e)(4)(A), concerning requirements*
36 *for nontraditional licensure, is amended to read as follows:*



1 (A)(i) *Passing scores, as set by the state board, on*
2 *state-required basic-skills, pedagogical, and content-area assessments, or*
3 *their substantial equivalents.*

4 (ii) As used in this subdivision, “substantial
5 equivalents” includes the assessments required by the American Board for
6 Certification of Teacher Excellence program; and

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8 /s/B. Johnson

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