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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1638

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING A  
10 TEACHING LICENSE; TO AMEND PROVISIONS REGARDING THE  
11 ASSESSMENTS A PERSON MUST PASS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A  
12 TEACHING LICENSE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 TO AMEND PROVISIONS REGARDING THE  
16 ASSESSMENTS A PERSON MUST PASS IN ORDER  
17 TO OBTAIN A TEACHING LICENSE.  
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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 § 6-17-402(c)(2)(A)(ii)(a), concerning the  
24 application of a person who is applying for the first time for an elementary  
25 education kindergarten through grade six (K-6) license or a special education  
26 kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) license, is amended to read as  
27 follows:

28 (ii)(a) A person applying for first-time licensure  
29 for an elementary education ~~K-6~~ kindergarten through grade six (K-6) license  
30 or a special education ~~K-12~~ kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) license  
31 shall: ~~take and pass~~

32 (1) Pass a:

33 ~~(1)(A)~~ Subject matter content  
34 assessment; and

35 ~~(2) Pedagogy assessment; and~~

36 ~~(3)(B)~~ Stand-alone assessment that



1 examines the acquisition of knowledge of essential components of beginning  
 2 reading instruction based on the science of reading~~;~~ and

3 (2) Demonstrate pedagogical competence.  
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5 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-17-409(e)(1), concerning licensure  
 6 requirements for a person enrolled in an alternative educator preparation  
 7 program, is amended to read as follows:

8 (1)(A) Passing scores, as set by the state board, on ~~state-~~  
 9 ~~required pedagogical and~~ subject matter content-area assessments, or their  
 10 substantial equivalents.

11 (B) As used in this subdivision (e)(1), “substantial  
 12 equivalents” includes without limitation the assessments required by the  
 13 American Board for the Certification of Teacher Excellence program and ~~an~~ any  
 14 alternative method of demonstrating subject matter content competency  
 15 identified by the state board under § 6-15-1004~~+~~.

16 (C) An individual under this section shall demonstrate  
 17 pedagogical competence;  
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