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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1600

5 By: Representative G. Hodges
6 By: Senator J. Sturch
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE TEACHER EDUCATION
10 PROGRAM; TO CONSIDER AN INDIVIDUAL WHO EARNS A
11 TEACHING LICENSE UPON THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF AN
12 ALTERNATIVE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM AN ELIGIBLE
13 APPLICANT UNDER THE STATE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM;
14 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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18 TO CONSIDER AN INDIVIDUAL WHO EARNS A
19 TEACHING LICENSE UPON THE SUCCESSFUL
20 COMPLETION OF AN ALTERNATIVE EDUCATOR
21 PREPARATION PROGRAM AN ELIGIBLE APPLICANT
22 UNDER THE STATE TEACHER EDUCATION
23 PROGRAM.
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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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28 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-81-1605(3), concerning eligibility
29 criteria established by the Department of Higher Education for applicants to
30 the State Teacher Education Program, is amended to read as follows:

31 (3)(A) Meet additional continuing eligibility criteria
32 established by the Department of Higher Education.

33 (B) An individual who has earned a teaching license upon
34 the successful completion of the an alternative educator preparation program
35 is an eligible student under this section.
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1 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-81-1606(a), concerning the duration and
2 amount of loan repayments under the State Teacher Education Program, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 (a) The State Teacher Education Program shall be used to provide a
5 loan repayment for federal student loans in the amount of:

6 (1) Three thousand dollars (\$3,000) per year for a maximum of
7 three (3) years for a licensed teacher who graduated from a teacher education
8 program after April 2004 and teaches in a public school in this state or
9 successfully completed an alternative educator preparation program after
10 April 2004 and teaches in a public school in this state program:

11 (A) In a subject area designated by the Department of Higher Education
12 in consultation with the Department of Education as having a critical
13 shortage of teachers; or

14 (B) Located in a geographical area of the state designated
15 by the Department of Higher Education in consultation with the Department of
16 Education as having a critical shortage of teachers; and

17 (2) An additional one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per year for a
18 maximum of three (3) years for a licensed teacher who ~~is:~~

19 (A) Is a minority and who graduated;

20 (B) Either:

21 (i) Graduated from a teacher education program after
22 April 2004; or

23 (ii) Successfully completed an alternative educator
24 preparation program; and teaches

25 (C) Teaches in a public school in this state.

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27 /s/G. Hodges
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