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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 382

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING RULES FOR TEACHER LICENSURE; TO  
10 ALLOW FOR THE REINSTATEMENT OF A REVOKED TEACHING  
11 LICENSE UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; AND FOR OTHER  
12 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 REVOKED TEACHING LICENSE UNDER CERTAIN  
17 CONDITIONS.  
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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(j), concerning State Board of  
24 Education rules for teacher licensure, is amended to read as follows:

25 (j) Rules of the state board shall identify the following as core  
26 licensure content areas:

- 27 (1) ~~Early Childhood~~ Elementary education (K-6);
- 28 (2) English language arts;
- 29 (3) Mathematics;
- 30 (4) Science;
- 31 (5) Social Studies;
- 32 (6) Art;
- 33 (7) Music; and
- 34 (8) Foreign Language.

35 (k)(1) The state board may promulgate rules to reinstate a revoked  
36 teaching license.



1           (2) Rules promulgated under subdivision (k)(1) of this section  
 2 shall include without limitation the following:

3           (A) Information and requirements regarding an application  
 4 for reinstatement of a revoked teaching license; and

5           (B) The use of evidence by the state board to determine  
 6 whether the applicant for reinstatement of a revoked teaching license:

7                   (i) Is rehabilitated, recovered, or in recovery, as  
 8 applicable;

9                   (ii) Has made restitution, as applicable;

10                   (iii) Is currently fit to return to an educational  
 11 environment appropriate to the licensure level of the applicant; and

12                   (iv) Does not pose a threat to the health, safety,  
 13 and welfare of public school students and public school employees.

14           (3) An individual whose teaching license was revoked following  
 15 an ethics complaint under § 6-17-428 shall release to the state board any  
 16 confidential information regarding the ethics complaint made against the  
 17 individual upon the individual's application for reinstatement of his or her  
 18 revoked teaching license.

19           (4) Except as provided under subdivision (k)(6) of this section,  
 20 an applicant for reinstatement of a revoked teaching license shall not apply  
 21 for reinstatement of his or her revoked teaching license until:

22                   (A) Ten (10) years after the date of revocation of the  
 23 teaching license for:

24                           (i) A felony disqualifying offense under § 6-17-410;  
 25 or

26                           (ii) An ethics violation under § 6-17-428; or

27                   (B) Five (5) years after the date of revocation for any  
 28 other reason not identified under subdivision (k)(4)(A).

29           (5) If an applicant for reinstatement of a revoked teaching  
 30 license has a true report in the Child Maltreatment Central Registry, the  
 31 state board may reinstate the applicant's revoked teaching license with or  
 32 without a hearing if the applicant provides evidence from the Department of  
 33 Human Services that the department has removed the applicant's name from the  
 34 Child Maltreatment Central Registry.

35           (6) The state board shall not reinstate a revoked teaching  
 36 license when the reason for the revocation concerned the:

- 1                   (A) Physical or sexual injury of another person;
- 2                   (B) Physical or sexual abuse of another person;
- 3                   (C) Physical mistreatment of another person resulting in
- 4 death; or
- 5                   (D) Sexual mistreatment of another person.

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