State of Arkansas 1 As Engrossed: S3/8/99 H3/29/99 A Bill 2 82nd General Assembly Act 1382 of 1999 3 Regular Session, 1999 SENATE BILL 574 4 By: Senators D. Malone, Argue, Hopkins, Riggs, Roebuck, Webb 5 By: Representatives Cook, Allison, Booker, Gullett, Green, C. Johnson, Pappas, Salmon, Simon, T. Steele, 6 7 Vess, Bookout, T. Thomas 8 9 For An Act To Be Entitled 10 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-15-1004 TO PROVIDE 11 12 FOR TEACHERS TO BE LICENSED IN THE GRADE LEVEL OR SUBJECT THEY TEACH AND FOR SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS TO HAVE 13 A BACKELOR'S DEGREE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES." 14 15 **Subtitle** 16 "TO PROVIDE FOR TEACHERS TO BE LICENSED 17 18 IN THE GRADE LEVEL OR SUBJECT THEY TEACH AND FOR SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS TO HAVE A 19 20 BACHELOR'S DEGREE." 21 22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 23 24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 6-15-1004 is amended to add the following 25 26 subsections: "(d) Effective at the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year, no 27 28 teacher shall be assigned to teach a grade level or a subject for which they 29 are not licensed by the state. (e) No class of students shall be under the instruction of a substitute 30 31 teacher for more than thirty (30) consecutive school days in the same class 32 during a school year unless that teacher has a bachelor's degree awarded by an 33 accredited college or university or has been licensed to teach by the State of 34 Arkansas. This provision shall not apply to substitutes for non-degreed 35 vocational-technical teachers. If this requirement imposes an undue hardship on a school district, the district may apply to the State Board of Education 36

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1	for a waiver. The State Board of Education shall develop rules and
2	regulations for granting a waiver. Any school district granted a waiver from
3	this requirement shall be identified in the Department of Education's annual
4	school district report card."
5	SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
6	are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
7	Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.
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9	SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
10	any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
11	other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
12	the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
13	act are declared to be severable.
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15	SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
16	hereby repealed.
17	/s/ D. Malone, et al
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