

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1032

5 By: Representatives Walters, R. Green
6 By: Senators J. Jeffress, Wilkinson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT CONCERNING SUBSTITUTE TEACHER
11 QUALIFICATIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-1004 is amended to read as follows:

21 6-15-1004. Qualified teachers in every public school classroom.

22 (a) Arkansas teachers will demonstrate competency in subject matter
23 content on identified assessments appropriate to their teaching area in order
24 to be granted an initial license to teach in the state.

25 (b) In order to obtain a teaching license, Arkansas teachers will
26 demonstrate the ability to increase student academic achievement by
27 demonstrating competency on identified assessments of teaching methods that
28 result in increased student achievement.

29 (c)(1) In order for teachers to be able to renew a license, they must
30 have participated in a continuing education and professional development
31 program based on their school improvement plans, performance evaluation
32 results, and student achievement scores.

33 (2)(A) For purposes of the requirement for continuing education
34 and professional development under this section, a three-hour graduate-level
35 college credit course shall be counted as fifteen (15) hours of the



1 professional development hours required for teachers under the Standards for
2 Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools if the college credit is:

3 (i) Related to and enhances the teacher’s knowledge
4 of the subject area in which the teacher is currently teaching;

5 (ii) Part of the requirements for the teacher to
6 obtain additional certification in a subject matter that has been designated
7 by the Department of Education as having a critical shortage of teachers; or

8 (iii) Otherwise approved by the department as a
9 graduate level course eligible for professional development credit.

10 (B) Any credit for professional development claimed under
11 subdivision (c)(2)(A) of this section shall be approved by the department.

12 (C) For purposes of the requirement for continuing
13 education and professional development under this section, each hour of
14 training received by certified personnel related to teaching an advanced
15 placement class for a subject covered by the College Board and Educational
16 Testing Service shall be counted as professional development up to a maximum
17 of thirty (30) hours.

18 (3) However, nothing in subdivision (c)(2) of this section shall
19 prevent or restrict a school district from requiring additional in-service
20 training.

21 (d) Effective at the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year, no
22 teacher shall be assigned to teach a grade level or a subject for which he or
23 she is not licensed by the state.

24 ~~(e)(1)(A)~~ No class of students shall be under the instruction of a
25 substitute teacher for more than thirty (30) consecutive school days in the
26 same class during a school year unless that teacher has a bachelor’s degree
27 awarded by an accredited college or university or has been licensed to teach
28 by the State of Arkansas.

29 (f) A person serving as a substitute teacher shall:

30 (1) Be a high school graduate; or

31 (2) Hold a graduate equivalent degree.

32 ~~(B)(g)~~ This provision Subsections (e) and (f) of this section shall
33 not apply to substitutes for nondegreed vocational-technical teachers.

34 ~~(2)(h)(1)~~ If this requirement imposes subsections (e) and (f) of this
35 section impose an undue hardship on a school district, the district may apply
36 to the State Board of Education for a waiver.

