

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 1133

5 By: Representatives Blount, Abernathy, T. Baker, Cook, Davis, Flowers, Hardy, House, W. Lewellen,  
6 McLean, Rainey, Saunders, Wagner, Williams, Word

7 By: Senator Elliott  
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10 For An Act To Be Entitled

11 AN ACT TO AMEND ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION  
12 REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LIFETIME TEACHING LICENSE;  
13 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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15 Subtitle

16 AN ACT TO AMEND ELIGIBILITY AND  
17 APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
18 LIFETIME 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 § 6-17-2603 is amended to read as follows:  
24 6-17-2603. Eligibility.

25 To be eligible for a lifetime teaching license, the ~~certified~~ licensed  
26 ~~employee~~ educator must:

27 (1) Hold a current or expired Arkansas teaching license;

28 (2) Be ~~over sixty-five (65)~~ at least sixty-two (62) years of  
29 age; and

30 (3)~~(A)~~ Have either:

31 (A) ~~worked~~ Worked in an educational setting while  
32 maintaining an Arkansas teaching license; or

33 (B) ~~Have made~~ Made significant contributions to education,  
34 educational research, or the profession of teaching through scholarly  
35 endeavors, teaching experience, excellence in teaching, or educational



1 innovation.

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3 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-17-2604 is amended to read as follows:  
4 6-17-2604. Lifetime teaching license.

5 (a)(1) ~~Beginning July 1, 2008, a~~ A person who meets the eligibility  
6 requirements of § 6-17-2603 ~~and who wishes to obtain a lifetime teaching~~  
7 ~~license shall apply for the lifetime teaching license within twelve (12)~~  
8 ~~calendar months after his or her sixty fifth birthday~~ may apply for a  
9 lifetime teaching license by filing an application with the Department of  
10 Education.

11 (b)(1) The State Board of Education shall review the application.

12 (2) If the state board approves the application, ~~it~~ the state  
13 board shall ~~continue~~ reissue the applicant's current or expired Arkansas  
14 teaching license as a lifetime teaching license.

15 (3) ~~Lifetime~~ A lifetime teaching license ~~applicants are~~  
16 applicant is subject to a criminal background check under § 6-17-410 upon  
17 application.

18 (c) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, the lifetime  
19 teaching license shall ~~be reissued every five (5) years~~ terminate upon the  
20 death or legal incapacity of the license holder.

21 (d) A lifetime teaching license is subject to the same laws for  
22 revocation as any Arkansas teaching license.

23 (e) A person who holds a lifetime teaching license is not required to  
24 renew his or her teaching license.

25 (f)~~(1)~~ Except to the extent required by § 6-17-2605, A a lifetime  
26 teaching license holder is not subject to the requirements for annual  
27 professional development.

28 ~~(2) An eligible person who retired prior to July 31, 2007, is~~  
29 ~~not subject to future professional development requirements.~~

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31 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-17-2605(b), concerning employment of a  
32 lifetime teaching license holder by a public school district, is amended to  
33 read as follows:

34 (b) A lifetime teaching license holder who becomes employed as a  
35 licensed educator by a school district shall participate in the professional  
36 development programs required by the employing school district.

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