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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1364

5 By: Representative Hobbs
6 By: Senator Holland
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE TEACHER LICENSURE LAW FOR
10 NONTRADITIONAL APPLICANTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 TO AMEND THE TEACHER LICENSURE LAW FOR
15 NONTRADITIONAL APPLICANTS.
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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 § 6-17-409(e)(1)-(3), concerning
21 nontraditional licensure of public school teachers, is amended to read as
22 follows:

23 (e)(1) As used in this subsection, "accelerated teaching program"
24 means a program intended for college graduates that provides intensive
25 training and support for a period of two (2) or more years for teaching and
26 leading in schools.

27 (2) The state board shall issue a standard five-year teaching
28 license to an applicant if the applicant has:

29 (A) Either:

30 (i) Successfully completed an accelerated teaching
31 program, including:

32 (a) ~~the two-year~~ The Teach for America
33 program;

34 (b) The Arkansas Teacher Corps program offered
35 by the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville; or

36 (c) Another accelerated teaching program



1 approved by the department; or

2 (ii) Been awarded a master's degree in teaching from
3 an accredited program at an institution of higher education; and

4 (B) Successfully completed the criminal records checks and
5 Child Maltreatment Central Registry check under § 6-17-410.

6 ~~(2)(3)~~ The state board shall issue to an applicant who is in ~~the~~
7 ~~Teach for America~~ an accelerated teaching program a provisional teaching
8 license valid for the entire ~~two-year~~ period that the applicant is:

9 (A) ~~In~~ Participating in the ~~Teach for America~~ accelerated
10 teaching program; and

11 (B) Teaching in an Arkansas public school.

12 ~~(3)(4)~~ The state board may require an applicant who meets the
13 criteria of subdivision (e)(2) of this section to submit proof of the
14 following academic eligibility:

15 (A) A passing score, as set by the state board, on a
16 state-required pedagogical and content-area assessment; and

17 (B)(i) If required by the grade level and content area for
18 which the applicant seeks licensure, successful completion of courses in
19 Arkansas ~~History~~ history or Methods of Teaching Reading, or both.

20 (ii) An applicant who has successfully completed ~~the~~
21 ~~two-year Teach for America~~ an accelerated teaching program is exempt from the
22 Methods of Teaching Reading requirement;

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