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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1463

5 By: Representative L. Johnson
6 By: Senator J. Dotson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RULES FOR
10 A TIERED SYSTEM OF EDUCATOR LICENSURE; TO AMEND THE
11 LAW CONCERNING THE TYPE OF LICENSE ISSUED TO CERTAIN
12 APPLICANTS IN AN ALTERNATIVE EDUCATOR PREPARATION
13 PROGRAM; TO
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Subtitle

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17 FOR A TIERED SYSTEM OF EDUCATOR
18 LICENSURE; AND TO AMEND THE LAW
19 CONCERNING THE TYPE OF LICENSE ISSUED TO
20 CERTAIN APPLICANTS IN AN ALTERNATIVE
21 EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-402(c)(2)(A)(i), concerning State
28 Board of Education rules regarding a tiered system of licensure as they
29 pertain to required tests for individuals applying for first-time licensure,
30 is amended to read as follows:

31 (i)(a) A person applying for first-time licensure as
32 a secondary-level teacher or as an administrator in the public schools or a
33 licensed secondary-level teacher, a licensed elementary general education
34 teacher, or an administrator applying for a license in an additional area
35 shall ~~take and complete a test~~ meet licensure requirements approved by the
36 State Board of Education, ~~and submit the scores to the division~~



1 (b) After meeting requirements for the
2 issuance of a standard license or provisional license, a person may be
3 approved for an Additional Licensure Plan to add an area of endorsement; and
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5 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-17-409(d)(1), concerning alternative
6 educator preparation programs, is amended to read as follows:

7 (d)(1) The State Board of Education shall issue to an applicant who is
8 in an alternative educator preparation program a provisional teaching license
9 that is issued under the ~~state board's~~ State Board of Education's rules
10 governing provisional licensure.
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12 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-17-409, concerning alternative educator
13 preparation programs, is amended to read as follows:

14 (h) A provisional license issued under this section is equivalent to a
15 standard license for the purpose of applying for a Driver's Education
16 Licensure Endorsement through the Additional Licensure Plan.
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18 /s/L. Johnson
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