

ARKANSAS SENATE
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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1893

TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS TEACHER LICENSURE AND RECIPROCITY LAWS.

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1893

Amend House Bill No. 1893 as engrossed, H3/18/11 (version: 3/18/2011 12:31:42 PM)

Add Senator Holland as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Page 1, line 26, delete "the National" and substitute "~~the National~~"

AND

Page 1, line 27, delete "Teacher's Examination or a similar" and substitute "~~Teacher's Examination or a similar~~ an"

AND

Page 2, delete lines 2-29 and substitute the following:

"(c) The state board shall issue a standard five-year teaching license to an individual who furnishes the Department of Education proof of the following:

(1) A valid, standard teaching license or its Arkansas equivalent that:

(A) Was issued in another state; and

(B) Has been in good standing during the most recent two

(2) years of the applicant's teaching experience;

(2) Successful completion of the criminal records checks and Child Maltreatment Central Registry check under § 6-17-410;

(3) Higher education transcripts evidencing the award of at least a baccalaureate degree;

(4) Reports evidencing test scores required for licensing by the licensing state;

(5) Completion of a program for:

(A) Teacher education at a regionally accredited institution of higher education;

(B) Teacher education accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education; or



(C) Certification from the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards; and

(6) Payment of applicable licensure fees."

AND

Page 3, delete lines 23-36 and substitute the following:

"(e)(1) The state board shall issue a standard five-year teaching license to an applicant if the applicant has:

(A) Either:

(i) Successfully completed the two-year Teach for America program; or

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

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

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

(A) In the Teach for America program; and

(B) Teaching in an Arkansas public school.

(3) The state board may require an applicant who meets the criteria of subdivision (e)(1) of this section to submit proof of the following academic eligibility:

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

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

AND

Page 4, delete line 1

AND

Page 4, line 5, delete "(3)" and substitute "(4)"

AND

Page 4, line 11, delete "college" and substitute "state-funded college"

AND

Page 4, line 12, delete "may" and substitute "shall"

AND

Page 4, line 13, delete "nontraditional" and substitute "professional teaching"

AND

Page 4, line 18, delete "of the class" and substitute "that"

AND

Page 4, delete lines 21-24 and substitute the following:

"(D) A statement of justification from the applicant relating the applicant's experience to teaching in the content area in which the applicant seeks to teach;"

AND

Page 4, line 27, delete "appropriate Praxis II Content"

AND

Page 4, line 28, delete "Knowledge test for the course" and substitute "content knowledge and pedagogical tests for the content area in which"

AND

Page 4, delete lines 31-36 and substitute the following:

"(2)(A)(i) An individual who receives a three-year provisional teaching license under this subsection shall pass the Praxis II Pedagogy Assessment or have thirty (30) hours of training in pedagogy.

(ii) The thirty (30) hours of training in pedagogy are in addition to and not considered a part of the sixty (60) hours of professional development required for teachers by their employing school district or public school."

AND

Page 5, delete lines 1-14 and substitute the following:

"(3) At the end of three (3) years of provisional licensure, the licensee shall undergo a summative evaluation as required by Arkansas law.

(4)(A) The state board shall issue a standard five-year teaching license to the licensee if the licensee successfully completes a performance-based assessment that includes student achievement.

(B) The performance-based assessment shall be:

(i) Approved by the state board;

(ii) Paid for by the state; and

(iii) Administered no earlier than the completion of the first academic school year of teaching and before the expiration of the three-year provisional license."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator Holland

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