

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

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

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15 QUALIFICATIONS.  
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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  
36 professional development hours required for teachers under the Standards for



1 Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools if the college credit is:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 (1) Be a high school graduate; or

30 (2) Hold a graduate equivalent degree.

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

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

36 ~~(3)(2)~~ The board shall develop rules and regulations for

1 granting a waiver.

2           ~~(4)~~(3) A school district granted a waiver from this requirement  
3 shall be identified in the Department of Education's annual school district  
4 report card.

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