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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1594

5 By: Representative Vaught  
6 By: Senator L. Eads  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING TEACHING  
10 LICENSES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

14 TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING TEACHING  
15 LICENSES.  
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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 Title 6, Chapter 17, Subchapter 4, is amended  
21 to add an additional section to read as follows:

22 6-17-430. Licensing of noncitizens.

23 (a) The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education may grant a  
24 license under this subchapter to an individual who, in addition to fulfilling  
25 the requirements to teach in this state, satisfies the following  
26 requirements:

27 (1) The United States Department of Homeland Security has  
28 approved the individual's request for exemption under the Deferred Action for  
29 Childhood Arrivals policy;

30 (2) The individual's exemption status under the Deferred Action  
31 for Childhood Arrivals policy has:

32 (A) Not expired; or

33 (B) Been properly renewed; and

34 (3) The individual has a current and valid employment  
35 authorization document issued by the United States Citizenship and  
36 Immigration Service.



1       (b) This section is a state law within the meaning of subsection (d)  
2 of 8 U.S.C. § 1621, as existing on January 1, 2021.

3       (c) The division shall promulgate rules to implement this section.  
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5       SECTION 2. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. DO NOT CODIFY. Rules.

6       (a) When adopting the initial rules to implement this section, the  
7 final rule shall be filed with the Secretary of State for adoption under §  
8 25-15-204(f):

9               (1) On or before January 1, 2022; or

10              (2) If approval under § 10-3-309 has not occurred by January 1,  
11 2022, as soon as practicable after approval under § 10-3-309.

12       (b) The division shall file the proposed rule with the Legislative  
13 Council under § 10-3-309(c) sufficiently in advance of January 1, 2022, so  
14 that the Legislative Council may consider the rule for approval before  
15 January 1, 2022.

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