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A Bill

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HOUSE BILL

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6 By: Representative Vaught

7 Filed with: House Committee on Education
8 pursuant to A.C.A. § 10-3-217.

9 For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT CONCERNING THE TEACHER COMPENSATION PROGRAM OF
11 2003; TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "TEACHER" UNDER THE
12 TEACHER COMPENSATION PROGRAM OF 2003; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.

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17 CONCERNING THE TEACHER COMPENSATION
18 PROGRAM OF 2003; AND TO AMEND THE
19 DEFINITION OF "TEACHER" UNDER THE TEACHER
20 COMPENSATION PROGRAM OF 2003.

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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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25 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative intent.

26 The General Assembly finds that:

27 (1) There are a number of individuals who are early childhood
28 educators and who teach in private schools who have the same educational
29 degrees and training as those individuals who teach in public schools; and

30 (2) Individuals who are early childhood educators and who teach
31 in private schools should be subject to the same minimum salary as those
32 individuals who teach in public schools.

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34 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-17-2402(3), concerning the definition of
35 a "teacher" under the Teacher Compensation Program of 2003, is amended to
36 read as follows:

1 (3) "Teacher" means:

2 (A)(i) An individual who ~~is required to hold~~ holds a
3 teaching license from the Department of Education and who is engaged directly
4 in instruction with students in a classroom setting for more than seventy
5 percent (70%) of the individual's contracted time~~+~~.

6 (ii) An individual under subdivision (3)(A)(i) of
7 this section includes an individual who is:

8 (a) An early childhood educator and teaches in
9 a private school; and

10 (b) Is licensed to run a childcare facility
11 under § 20-78-201 et seq.;

12 (B) A guidance counselor; or

13 (C) A librarian.

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