

State of Arkansas

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HOUSE BILL 1139

By: Representative Stephens

"AN ACT TO AMEND SUBSECTION (b) OF SECTION 1 OF ACT 162 OF 1979, AS AMENDED BY ACT 1082 OF 1985, [ARK. STAT. 80-1201(b)]; TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON RECEIVING AN EDUCATION MAJOR OR WHO IS A TEACHER CANDIDATE IN A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY IN THIS STATE SHALL NOT BE DENIED THE RIGHT OF GRADUATION SOLELY DUE TO FAILURE TO TAKE THE NATIONAL TEACHERS' EXAMINATION PRIOR TO GRADUATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. The Subsection (b) of Section 1 of Act 162 of 1979, as amended by Act 1082 of 1985, the same being Subsection (b) of Section 80-1201 of the Arkansas Statutes, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(b) After July 1, 1984, all colleges and universities in this State shall require persons who are education majors or teacher candidates to take the examination prescribed by the State Board of Education for initial certification as a teacher in the public schools of this State and to report the results of the examination to the college or university. Provided, however, that no college or university in this state shall deny graduation to any Education major or teacher candidate who shall fail to take said examination. All colleges and universities in this state shall report the results of the examinations, if taken, to the Department of Education upon request."

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined that Subsection (b) of Section 1 of Act 162 of 1979, as amended by Act 1082 of 1985, required persons who are seeking Education majors or teacher candidates in colleges and universities of this state to take the National Teachers' Examination prior to graduation; that Act 746 of 1985 had provided that it was the intent of the General Assembly that no degree be withheld solely because the student does not take such test; and that the immediate passage of this Act is to clarify the intent of Act 1082 of 1985 to bring the same into conformance to the legislative intent as expressed in Act 746 of 1985, thereby enabling students in this state who are candidates for Education major or Teacher Certificates to receive their graduation diplomas without the necessity of taking such test. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act be immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

