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A Bill

HOUSE BILL

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By: Representative Wilkins

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO COMPENSATE SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS AT LEAST AT THE ENTRANCE LEVEL FOR FULL-TIME TEACHERS; TO ENCOURAGE SCHOOLS TO HIRE AS SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS ONLY PERSONS WITH AT LEAST A BACHELOR'S DEGREE; TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Every person employed hereafter as a substitute teacher in a public elementary or secondary school of this State shall receive compensation at a rate no less than that which would be paid to a full-time entrance level teacher.

SECTION 2. Every public elementary and secondary school of this State is encouraged to employ as substitute teachers only persons who have at least a bachelor's degree, and preferably the degree will be in the field of instruction in which the person will substitute.

SECTION 3. The Arkansas Department of Education shall, as soon as possible, promulgate regulations establishing minimum qualifications for substitute teachers for all public elementary and secondary schools in this State. Such regulations shall include a procedure and the circumstances under which the public elementary and secondary schools will not be required to comply with the minimum qualifications for substitute teachers if such compliance would result in an unreasonable hardship on the schools.

SECTION 4. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

