

State of Arkansas

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SENATE BILL 470

By: Senators Bookout, Dowd, Hopkins, Chaffin, Jewell,
Hardin, Wilson, Moore, Watson, and Canada

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-17-1503 TO PROVIDE FOR A STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH ALL PROVISIONS OF SUBCHAPTER 15 OF CHAPTER 17 OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 6-17-1503 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"6-17-1503. Construction.

This subchapter is not a teacher tenure law in that it does not confer lifetime appointment nor prevent discharge of teachers for any cause which is not arbitrary, capricious, or discriminatory. A nonrenewal, termination, suspension, or other disciplinary action by a school district shall be void unless the school district strictly complies with all provisions of this act and any amendments hereto, and the school district's applicable personnel policies."

SECTION 2. 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 3. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that there will be teachers during the spring of 1989 who may be recommended for nonrenewal, termination or suspension and that such teachers will not be adequately protected in their

jobs under the provisions of Chapter 17 of Title 6 of the Arkansas Code unless it is amended through this Act which requires strict compliance and provides an alternate forum for appeal; that the immediate implementation of this Act is necessary to preserve the peace, safety and health of citizens and teachers of the State of Arkansas. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act being 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.