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2 81st General Assembly
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 141

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5 By: Senator Bearden

For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED § 6-17-602 TO
10 PROVIDE A RECERTIFICATION EXEMPTION FOR PERSONS WHO TAUGHT
11 IN ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR AT LEAST TWENTY (20) YEARS
12 AND FAILED TO SATISFACTORILY COMPLETE STATEWIDE MANDATORY
13 TEACHER TESTING REQUIREMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

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17 TAUGHT IN ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR AT
18 LEAST 20 YEARS AND FAILED TO
19 SATISFACTORILY COMPLETE STATEWIDE
20 MANDATORY TEACHER TESTING REQUIREMENTS."

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

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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-17-602 is amended to read as
25 follows:

26 "§ 6-17-602. Application for new certification.

27 Any teacher, administrator, or other certified person who is not
28 eligible for recertification due to failure to comply with this subchapter is
29 eligible to apply for new certification under initial certification
30 regulations or such other regulations as are promulgated by the State Board of
31 Education; provided, however, that any former teacher or administrator who has
32 been employed in Arkansas public schools for at least twenty (20) years shall
33 be exempt from the requirements of uncodified Acts 1985, No. 350, § 3 and Acts
34 1987, No. 512, § 2, and shall be eligible for new certification by the State
35 Board of Education."

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1 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
2 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
3 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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5 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
6 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
7 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
8 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
9 act are declared to be severable.

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11 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
12 hereby repealed.

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