

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 83rd General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2001

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2469

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5 By: Representative C. Johnson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN ARKANSAS PROFESSIONAL
10 STANDARDS AND PRACTICES BOARD FOR THE EDUCATION
11 PROFESSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

13 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN ARKANSAS
14 PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND PRACTICES
15 BOARD FOR THE EDUCATION PROFESSION.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Creation - Members.

22 (a) There is created the Arkansas Professional Standards and Practices
23 Board.

24 (b)(1) The board shall consist of fifteen (15) members, appointed by
25 the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President
26 Pro Tempore of the Senate. The members shall serve for terms of five (5)
27 years.

28 (2) The Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives
29 and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall each appoint:

30 (A) Three (3) members of the board who shall be residents
31 of this state who are licensed teachers;

32 (B) Two (2) members of the board shall be residents of
33 this state and who are not be actively engaged in or retired from the
34 profession of accounting.

35 (c)(1) Vacancies occurring during a term shall be filled by
36 appointment by the official making the initial appointment for the unexpired

1 term.

2 (2) Upon the expiration of the term of office, a member shall
3 continue to serve until a successor shall have been appointed and shall have
4 qualified.

5 (3) The Governor shall remove from the board any professional
6 member whose license has become void or has been revoked or suspended and,
7 after hearing, may remove any member of the board for neglect of duty or
8 other just cause.

9 (4) No person who has served a full term on the board shall be
10 eligible for reappointment until after the lapse of five (5) years.

11 (5) Appointment to fill an unexpired term is not to be
12 considered a complete term.

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14 SECTION 2. Duties and powers.

15 (a) The Arkansas Professional Standards and Practices Board may adopt,
16 and amend from time to time, regulations for the orderly conduct of its
17 affairs and for the administration of this act.

18 (b)(1) The board may promulgate and amend rules of professional
19 conduct appropriate to establish and maintain a high standard of integrity
20 and dignity in the profession of teaching.

21 (2) No later than three (3) months prior to the promulgation of
22 any such rule or amendment, the board shall mail copies of the proposed rule
23 or amendment to each licensee with a notice advising the licensee of the
24 proposed effective date of the rule or amendment and requesting that the
25 licensee submit comments thereon at least fifteen (15) days prior to its
26 effective date.

27 (3) Such comments shall be advisory only.

28 (4) Failure to mail the rule, amendment, or notice to all
29 licensees shall not affect the validity of the rule or amendment.

30 (c) The board may issue any further regulations, including, but not
31 limited to, rules of professional conduct pertaining to licensees who are
32 teaching, which the board deems consistent with or required for the welfare
33 of students.

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