

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

SENATE BILL 887

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5 By: Senator Mahony
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-17-402 TO REQUIRE
10 READING IN TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAMS; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 PREPARATION PROGRAMS.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 6-17-402 is amended to read as follows:
22 6-17-402. Rules and regulations - National Teacher's Examination.

23 (a) The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules and
24 regulations for the issuance, certification, recertification, and continuance
25 of certification of teachers in the public schools of this state.

26 (b) Any person applying for initial certification as a teacher in the
27 public schools or a certified teacher applying for certification in an
28 additional area shall, in addition to other requirements:

29 (1)(A) Have completed a teacher education program approved by
30 the State Board of Education.

31 (B) Any teacher education program approved by the state
32 board shall require:

33 (i) No less than nine (9) credit hours of reading
34 instruction for a person seeking certification to teach grades kindergarten
35 through eight (K-8); and

36 (ii) No less than six (6) credit hours of reading

1 instruction for a person seeking certification to teach grades nine through
2 twelve (9-12).

3 ~~(2)(A) take~~ Take and complete the National Teacher's Examination
4 or a similar examination designated by the board and submit the scores to the
5 Department of Education.

6 ~~(b)(B)~~ No applicant for initial certification or
7 certification in an additional area shall receive a certificate unless the
8 applicant scores at or above the minimum level set by the board.

9 ~~(e)(C)~~ All colleges and universities in this state shall
10 report the results of the examinations to the department upon request.

11 ~~(d)(c)~~ The board shall not delegate to any college or university any
12 of the board's powers or duties pertaining to the issuance, certification,
13 recertification, and continuance of certification of teachers in public
14 schools in this state.

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