

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
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2688

5 By: Representatives Kenney, Anderson
6 By: Senators Bisbee, Hendren
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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO MAINTAIN THE AVAILABILITY OF QUALIFIED
11 SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS FOR ARKANSAS PUBLIC
12 SCHOOL STUDENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT TO MAINTAIN THE AVAILABILITY OF
15 QUALIFIED SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS FOR
16 ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-309(b), concerning the requirement for
23 certification of teachers, is amended to read as follows:

24 (b)(1) If this requirement imposes an undue hardship on a school
25 district, the district may apply to the State Board of Education for a
26 waiver.

27 (2) The state board shall develop rules and regulations for
28 granting a waiver.

29 (3) Any school district that obtains a waiver shall send written
30 notice of the assignment to the parent or guardian of each student in the
31 classroom no later than the thirtieth school day after the date of the
32 assignment.

33 (4) The state board may waive or modify the requirement that an
34 applicant seeking licensure as a special education teacher complete an
35 additional performance-based program of study if the applicant is:

36 (A) Licensed in another state with a special education



1 license or endorsement; and

2 (B) Has taught special education students for not less

3 than five (5) years.

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