

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.

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1133

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6 McLean, Rainey, Saunders, Wagner, Williams, Word

## For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO AMEND ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION  
11 REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LIFETIME TEACHING LICENSE;  
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

15 AN ACT TO AMEND ELIGIBILITY AND  
16 APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
17 LIFETIME TEACHING LICENSE.

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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 § 6-17-2603 is amended to read as follows:  
23 6-17-2603. Eligibility.

24 To be eligible for a lifetime teaching license, the ~~certified~~ licensed  
25 employee must:

- 26 (1) Hold a current or expired Arkansas teaching license;  
27 (2) Be ~~over~~ at least sixty-five (65) years of age; and  
28 (3) ~~(A)~~ Have either:

29 (A) ~~worked~~ Worked in an educational setting while  
30 maintaining an Arkansas teaching license; or

31 (B) ~~Have made~~ Made significant contributions to education,  
32 educational research, or the profession of teaching through scholarly  
33 endeavors, teaching experience, excellence in teaching, or educational  
34 innovation.

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36 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-17-2604 is amended to read as follows:



1           6-17-2604. Lifetime teaching license.

2           (a)~~(1)~~ ~~Beginning July 1, 2008,~~ a A person who meets the eligibility  
 3 requirements of § 6-17-2603 ~~and who wishes to obtain a lifetime teaching~~  
 4 ~~license shall apply for the lifetime teaching license within twelve (12)~~  
 5 ~~calendar months after his or her sixty fifth birthday~~ may apply for a  
 6 lifetime teaching license by filing an application with the Department of  
 7 Education.

8           (b)(1) The State Board of Education shall review the application.

9           (2) If the state board approves the application, ~~it~~ the state  
 10 board shall ~~continue~~ reissue the applicant's current or expired Arkansas  
 11 teaching license as a lifetime teaching license.

12           (3) ~~Lifetime~~ A lifetime teaching license ~~applicants are~~  
 13 applicant is subject to a criminal background check upon application.

14           (c) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, the lifetime  
 15 teaching license shall ~~be reissued every five (5) years~~ terminate upon the  
 16 death or legal incapacity of the license holder.

17           (d) A lifetime teaching license is subject to the same laws for  
 18 revocation as any Arkansas teaching license.

19           (e) A person who holds a lifetime teaching license is not required to  
 20 renew his or her teaching license.

21           (f)~~(1)~~ Except to the extent required by § 6-17-2605, A a lifetime  
 22 teaching license holder is not subject to the requirements for annual  
 23 professional development.

24           ~~(2) An eligible person who retired prior to July 31, 2007, is~~  
 25 ~~not subject to future professional development requirements.~~

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