

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

5 By: Representatives Blount, Abernathy, T. Baker, Cook, Davis, Flowers, Hardy, House, W. Lewellen,
6 McLean, Rainey, Saunders, Wagner, Williams, Word
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

14 AN ACT TO AMEND ELIGIBILITY AND
15 APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
16 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~~ educator 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 under § 6-17-410 upon
14 application.

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

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

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

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

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

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28 *SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-17-2605(b), concerning employment of a*
29 *lifetime teaching license holder by a public school district, is amended to*
30 *read as follows:*

31 (b) *A lifetime teaching license holder who becomes employed as a*
32 *licensed educator by a school district shall participate in the professional*
33 *development programs required by the employing school district.*

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35 /s/ Blount
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