

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 1214

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

11 AN ACT CONCERNING THE RULES AND PROCEDURES OF THE  
12 PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE STANDARDS BOARD; AND FOR  
13 OTHER PURPOSES.

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## Subtitle

15 AN ACT CONCERNING THE RULES AND  
16 PROCEDURES OF THE PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE  
17 STANDARDS BOARD.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-422(b), concerning the membership of  
24 the Professional Licensure Standards Board, is amended to read as follows:

25 (b)(1) The Professional Licensure Standards Board shall consist  
26 of fifteen (15) members appointed by the State Board of Education as follows:

27 ~~(1)~~ (A) The Commissioner of Education or his or her  
28 designee, who shall serve as a nonvoting member ~~and chair~~;

29 ~~(2)(A)~~ (B)(i) Four (4) public school classroom  
30 teachers with a valid Arkansas teaching license who are recommended by the  
31 Arkansas Education Association.

32 ~~(B)~~ (ii) The four (4) public school classroom  
33 teachers shall represent the four (4) congressional districts in Arkansas and  
34 include classroom teachers who are licensed and teach at:

35 ~~(i)~~ (a) A licensure level of prekindergarten  
36 through grade four (preK-4);



1 ~~(ii)~~ (b) A licensure level of grades four  
2 through eight (4-8);

3 ~~(iii)~~ (c) A licensure level of grades seven  
4 through twelve (7-12); and

5 ~~(iv)~~ (d) Any licensure level to serve in one  
6 (1) at-large position;

7 ~~(3)~~ (C) Four (4) persons with valid Arkansas teaching and  
8 administrator’s licenses who represent the four (4) congressional districts  
9 in Arkansas and are:

10 ~~(A)~~ (i) Recommended by the Arkansas Association of  
11 Educational Administrators;

12 ~~(B)~~ (ii) One (1) of whom shall hold a P-8 building  
13 level leader license and serve as a middle-level building leader;

14 ~~(C)~~ (iii) Two (2) of whom shall be public school  
15 superintendents with valid Arkansas teaching and administrator’s licenses  
16 recommended by the Arkansas Association of School Administrators; and

17 ~~(D)~~ (iv) One (1) public school administrator with a  
18 valid Arkansas teaching and administrator’s license recommended by the  
19 Arkansas Association of School Personnel Administrators;

20 ~~(4)~~ (D) One (1) nonvoting representative designated by the  
21 Department of Education from its offices of licensure and teacher quality  
22 recommended by the commissioner;

23 ~~(5)(A)~~ (E)(i) Three (3) deans of education from Arkansas  
24 institutions of higher education recommended by the Arkansas Association of  
25 Colleges for Teacher Education.

26 ~~(B)(i)~~ (ii)(a) One (1) dean shall be from a private  
27 institution of higher education.

28 ~~(ii)~~ (b) One (1) dean shall be from a public  
29 institution of higher education.

30 ~~(iii)~~ (c) One (1) ~~of whom shall have~~ dean who  
31 has knowledge of licensure issues;

32 ~~(6)~~ (F) One (1) coordinator of educational leadership  
33 recommended by the Arkansas Professors of Educational Administration; and

34 ~~(7)~~ (G) One (1) curriculum program administrator  
35 recommended by the Arkansas Association of Supervision and Curriculum  
36 Development.

1           (2)(A) The voting members of the Professional Licensure Standards  
 2 Board shall elect annually one (1) of the voting members to serve as chair  
 3 for one (1) year.

4           (B) The chair shall serve as a nonvoting member during his  
 5 or her term as chair.

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 7           SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-17-422(c)(1), concerning the appointment  
 8 of members of the Professional Licensure Standards Board, is amended to read  
 9 as follows:

10           (c)(1) The State Board of Education shall consider all recommendations  
 11 under ~~subsection (b)~~ subdivision (b)(1) of this section submitted to the  
 12 secretary of the State Board of Education by June 30, 2007, for the initial  
 13 board and by June 30 of each year in which the term of a Professional  
 14 Licensure Standards Board member expires.

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 16           SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-17-422(e), concerning the organizational  
 17 meeting of the Professional Licensure Standards Board, is amended to read as  
 18 follows:

19           (e)~~(1)~~ The appointed members of the Professional Licensure Standards  
 20 Board shall be residents of this state at the time of appointment and  
 21 throughout their terms.

22           ~~(2) The commissioner or his or her designee shall call an~~  
 23 ~~organizational meeting within twenty (20) calendar days after the State Board~~  
 24 ~~of Education has made all necessary appointments.~~

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 26           SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-17-422(h)(3)(D), concerning the  
 27 Professional Licensure Standards Board procedures relating to the code of  
 28 ethics, is amended to read as follows:

29           (D)(i) The Professional Licensure Standards Board may:

30                           ~~(i)~~(a) Establish procedures for receiving,  
 31 considering, and investigating complaints referred by the Department of  
 32 Education, a public school district, or a public school superintendent  
 33 regarding the unethical behavior of licensed school personnel;

34                           ~~(ii)~~(b) Make recommendations for enforcement; and

35                           ~~(iii)~~(c) Establish an ethics subcommittee of the  
 36 Professional Licensure Standards Board with equal representation of public

1 school teachers and administrators as well as one (1) member from any other  
2 category of representation on the Professional Licensure Standards Board.

3 (ii) All rules, procedures, hearings, and appeals  
4 relating to the code of ethics required by this subsection (h) are subject to  
5 the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq.

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