

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

SENATE BILL 887

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RENEWAL
10 OF A TEACHING LICENSE FOR RETIRED TEACHERS; AND
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

14 AN ACT TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
15 RENEWAL OF A TEACHING LICENSE FOR
16 RETIRED TEACHERS.

19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-402(e), concerning waiver of
22 requirements for professional development, is repealed:

23 ~~(e)(1)(A) The State Board of Education shall waive the requirement for~~
24 ~~professional development for a retired teacher who:~~

25 ~~(i) Maintains a valid license; and~~

26 ~~(ii) Reenters the educational setting prior to~~
27 ~~sixty five (65) years of age due to a teacher shortage.~~

28 ~~(B) "Educational setting" means the employment setting~~
29 ~~where the certified employee works, including without limitation:~~

30 ~~(i) A public or private school;~~

31 ~~(ii) An institution of higher education;~~

32 ~~(iii) An education service cooperative;~~

33 ~~(iv) The Department of Education;~~

34 ~~(v) An adult education setting; or~~

35 ~~(vi) Another agency or organization that employs~~
36 ~~licensed teachers for educational purposes.~~



1 ~~(2) A retired teacher who receives a waiver under subdivision~~
 2 ~~(e)(1) of this section shall participate in the staff development programs~~
 3 ~~required by the school district where he or she is employed.~~

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 5 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-17-419 is amended to read as follows:

6 6-17-419. ~~Expired license~~ License renewal requirements.

7 (a)(1) Any person who held a valid teaching license prior to January
 8 1, 1988, shall be allowed to renew that teaching license by meeting the
 9 general renewal requirements that are applicable to renewal for all other
 10 license holders and shall not be required to take a basic skills test, to
 11 take the National Teacher’s Examination, or to fulfill any other requirement
 12 that is not also required of all other teachers for license renewal.

13 (2) Any person who held a valid teaching license prior to
 14 January 1, 1988, shall be entitled to a provisional license by meeting the
 15 general requirements that are applicable to all other persons seeking a
 16 provisional license.

17 (b) The State Board of Education shall waive any experience
 18 requirement under its rules for the renewal of a teaching license if the
 19 person seeking renewal is a retired teacher who:

20 (1) Has a valid Arkansas teaching license;

21 (2) Is sixty-five (65) years of age or less; and

22 (3) Meets one of the following conditions:

23 (A) Has not less than thirty (30) years of teaching
 24 experience; or

25 (B) Is at least sixty (60) years of age and has at least a
 26 master’s degree in education or in the teacher’s content area.

27 ~~(b)(c)~~ This section does not allow a person whose license was revoked
 28 under § 6-17-410 to renew his or her license.

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 30 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-17-423 is amended to read as follows:

31 6-17-423. Professional development after retirement.

32 (a) In order to maintain a valid teacher’s license under § 6-17-401, a
 33 person who retires while possessing a valid teacher’s license under § 6-17-
 34 401 shall not be required to complete approved professional development
 35 required by rule of the State Board of Education.

36 (b)(1)(A) A person who retires while possessing a valid teacher’s

1 license under § 6-17-401 and returns to a ~~certified~~ licensed employment
 2 position with a public school district shall complete within the school year
 3 of the return to employment the professional development required for the
 4 year in which the person returns to ~~certified~~ licensed employment.

5 ~~(2)(B)~~ The person shall complete all professional
 6 development required during his or her ~~certified~~ licensed employment.

7 (2)(A) The state board shall waive the requirement for
 8 professional development for a retired teacher with a valid Arkansas teaching
 9 license who reenters the educational setting prior to or at sixty-five (65)
 10 years of age if he or she:

11 (i) Reenters employment due to a teacher shortage;

12 (ii) Has not less than thirty (30) years of teaching
 13 experience; or

14 (iii) Is at least sixty (60) years of age and has at
 15 least a master's degree in education or in the teacher's content area.

16 (B) "Educational setting" means the employment setting
 17 where the certified employee works, including without limitation:

18 (i) A public or private school;

19 (ii) An institution of higher education;

20 (iii) An education service cooperative;

21 (iv) The Department of Education;

22 (v) An adult education setting; or

23 (vi) Another agency or organization that employs
 24 licensed teachers for educational purposes.

25 (3) A retired teacher who receives a waiver under subdivision
 26 (b)(2) of this section shall participate in the staff development programs
 27 required by the school district where he or she is employed.

28 (c) A retired teacher whose license has expired:

29 (1) More than one (1) year ~~prior to~~ before July 31, 2007, may
 30 renew his or her license upon completion of sixty (60) hours of professional
 31 development; and

32 (2) Less than one (1) year ~~prior to~~ before July 31, 2007, shall
 33 be under subsections (a) and (b) of this section.

34 (d) The Department of Education shall notify annually retired teachers
 35 of changes in the law or regulations concerning professional development for
 36 retired teachers.