1	State of Arkansas	A D'11	
2	92nd General Assembly	A Bill	
3	Regular Session, 2019 HOUSE BILL 1		HOUSE BILL 1600
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5	By: Representative G. Hodges		
6	By: Senator J. Sturch		
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8	For An Act To Be Entitled		
9	AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE TEACHER EDUCATION		
10	PROGRAM; TO CONSIDER AN INDIVIDUAL WHO EARNS A		
11	TEACHING LICENSE UPON THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF		
12	THE ARKANSAS PROFESSIONAL PATHWAY TO EDUCATOR		
13	LICENSURE PROGRAM AN ELIGIBLE APPLICANT UNDER THE		
14	STATE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER		
15	PURPOSES.		
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18		Subtitle	
19	TO CONSI	DER AN INDIVIDUAL WHO EARNS A	
20	TEACHING	LICENSE UPON THE SUCCESSFUL	
21	COMPLETI	ON OF THE ARKANSAS PROFESSIONAL	
22	PATHWAY	TO EDUCATOR LICENSURE PROGRAM AN	I
23	ELIGIBLE	APPLICANT UNDER THE STATE	
24	TEACHER	EDUCATION PROGRAM.	
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27	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENE	RAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARK	ANSAS:
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29	SECTION 1. Arkansa	s Code § 6-81-1605(3), concernin	g eligibility
30	criteria established by t	he Department of Higher Educatio	n for applicants to
31	the State Teacher Educati	on Program, is amended to read a	s follows:
32	(3) <u>(A)</u> Meet	additional continuing eligibilit	y criteria
33	established by the Depart	ment of Higher Education.	
34	(B) An individual who has earned a teaching license upon		
35	the successful completion	of the Non-Traditional Licensur	e Program or the
36	Arkansas Professional Pat	hway to Educator Licensure progr	am is an eligible

1	student under this section.		
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3	SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-81-1606(a), concerning the duration and		
4	amount of loan repayments under the State Teacher Education Program, is		
5	amended to read as follows:		
6	(a) The State Teacher Education Program shall be used to provide a		
7	loan repayment for federal student loans in the amount of:		
8	(1) Three thousand dollars (\$3,000) per year for a maximum of		
9	three (3) years for a licensed teacher who graduated from a teacher education		
10	program after April 2004 and teaches in a public school in this state $\underline{\text{or}}$		
11	successfully completed the Non-Traditional Licensure Program or the Arkansas		
12	Professional Pathway to Educator Licensure program:		
13	(A) In a subject area designated by the Department of		
14	Higher Education in consultation with the Department of Education as having a		
15	critical shortage of teachers; or		
16	(B) Located in a geographical area of the state designated		
17	by the Department of Higher Education in consultation with the Department of		
18	Education as having a critical shortage of teachers; and		
19	(2) An additional one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per year for a		
20	maximum of three (3) years for a licensed teacher who $\frac{is}{i}$		
21	(A) Is a minority a nd who graduated ;		
22	(B) Either:		
23	(i) Graduated from a teacher education program after		
24	April 2004; or		
25	(ii) Successfully completed the Non-Traditional		
26	Licensure Program or the Arkansas Professional Pathway to Educator Licensure		
27	program; and teaches		
28	(C) Teaches in a public school in this state.		
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