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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1343

5 By: Representatives Scott, Brooks, D. Garner, Gramlich, Crawford, Pilkington
6 By: Senator L. Chesterfield
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE CONTENTS OF A TEACHER PREPARATION
10 PROGRAM TO INCLUDE CERTAIN CONTENT THAT PERTAINS TO
11 EVIDENCE-BASED TRAUMA-INFORMED CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION
12 WITHIN ITS CURRICULUM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO ALLOW THE CONTENTS OF A TEACHER
16 PREPARATION PROGRAM TO INCLUDE CERTAIN
17 CONTENT THAT PERTAINS TO EVIDENCE-BASED
18 TRAUMA-INFORMED CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION
19 WITHIN ITS CURRICULUM.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 17, Subchapter 4, is amended
26 to add an additional section to read as follows:

27 6-17-431. Teacher preparation program – Trauma-informed content.

28 (a) A teacher preparation program may include content within its
29 curriculum that:

30 (1) Prepares teacher candidates to use evidence-based, trauma-
31 informed classroom instruction and recognition of behavioral reactions to
32 trauma that may interfere with a student’s academic functioning; and

33 (2) Provides information on applicable state laws regarding
34 other instructional requirements that will benefit from incorporating
35 evidence-based, trauma-informed classroom instruction and recognition of
36 behavioral reactions to trauma that may interfere with a student’s academic



1 functioning.

2 (b) A teacher preparation program may use curricula that includes
3 without limitation:

4 (1) Training on recognizing possible signs of behavioral
5 reactions to trauma;

6 (2) Training on the potential impacts of trauma;

7 (3) Strategies for recognizing the signs and symptoms of trauma;

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9 (4) Practical recommendations for running a trauma-informed
10 classroom.

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