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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1463

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RULES FOR  
9 A TIERED SYSTEM OF EDUCATOR LICENSURE; TO AMEND THE  
10 LAW CONCERNING THE TYPE OF LICENSE ISSUED TO CERTAIN  
11 APPLICANTS IN AN ALTERNATIVE EDUCATOR PREPARATION  
12 PROGRAM; TO  
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## Subtitle

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16 FOR A TIERED SYSTEM OF EDUCATOR  
17 LICENSURE; AND TO AMEND THE LAW  
18 CONCERNING THE TYPE OF LICENSE ISSUED TO  
19 CERTAIN APPLICANTS IN AN ALTERNATIVE  
20 EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM.  
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-402(c)(2)(A)(i), concerning State  
27 Board of Education rules regarding a tiered system of licensure as they  
28 pertain to required tests for individuals applying for first-time licensure,  
29 is amended to read as follows:

30 (i) (a) A person applying for first-time licensure as  
31 a secondary-level teacher or as an administrator in the public schools or a  
32 licensed secondary-level teacher, a licensed elementary general education  
33 teacher, or an administrator applying for a license in an additional area  
34 shall ~~take and complete a test~~ meet licensure requirements approved by the  
35 State Board of Education, ~~and submit the scores to the division~~

36 (b) After meeting requirements for the



1 issuance of a standard license or provisional license, a person may be  
2 approved for an Additional Licensure Plan to add an area of endorsement; and  
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4 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-17-409(d)(1), concerning alternative  
5 educator preparation programs, is amended to read as follows:

6 (d)(1) The State Board of Education shall issue to an applicant who is  
7 in an alternative educator preparation program a provisional teaching license  
8 that is issued under the ~~state board's~~ State Board of Education's rules  
9 governing provisional licensure.

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11 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-17-409, concerning alternative educator  
12 preparation programs, is amended to read as follows:

13 (h) A provisional license issued under this section is equivalent to a  
14 standard license for the purpose of applying for a Driver's Education  
15 Licensure Endorsement through the Additional Licensure Plan.