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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1552

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5 By: Representative McNair
6 By: Senator A. Clark

For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO ALTER THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A LIFETIME
10 TEACHING LICENSE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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14 TO ALTER THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A LIFETIME
15 TEACHING LICENSE.

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

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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-2603 is amended to read as follows:
21 6-17-2603. Eligibility.

22 To be eligible for a lifetime teaching license, the licensed educator
23 must:

24 (1) Hold a current or expired Arkansas teaching license;

25 (2) Be either:

26 (A) ~~at~~ At least sixty-two (62) years of age; or

27 (B) Retired from active teaching under §§ 24-7-701, 24-7-
28 702, or 24-7-704; and

29 (3) Have either:

30 (A) Worked in an educational setting while maintaining an
31 Arkansas teaching license; or

32 (B) Made significant contributions to education,
33 educational research, or the profession of teaching through scholarly
34 endeavors, teaching experience, excellence in teaching, or educational
35 innovation.

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1 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-17-2605(c), concerning professional
2 development for a lifetime teaching license holder, is repealed.

3 ~~(c) A lifetime teaching license holder who has not taught in an~~
4 ~~educational setting for one (1) or more years shall be required to provide to~~
5 ~~the Department of Education verification of twenty (20) hours of professional~~
6 ~~development prior to reentering the educational setting.~~

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