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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1189

5 By: Representative Vaught
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND NOVICE TEACHER MENTORING REQUIREMENTS
10 UNDER THE TEACHER EXCELLENCE AND SUPPORT SYSTEM; AND
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-2806(d), concerning the requirement
23 for novice teacher mentoring under the Teacher Excellence and Support System,
24 is amended to read as follows:

25 (d)(1) The Teacher Excellence and Support System also shall include
26 novice teacher mentoring for each novice teacher employed at the public
27 school that:

28 ~~(1)(A)~~ Provides training and support to novice teachers to
29 increase teacher retention;

30 ~~(2)(B)~~ Establishes norms of professionalism; and

31 ~~(3)(C)~~ Leads to improved student achievement by increasing
32 effective teacher performance.

33 (2) However, a novice teacher who has completed an educator
34 preparation program, including a Division of Elementary and Secondary
35 Education-approved year-long residency, is not required to participate in
36 novice teacher mentoring under this subsection (d).



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