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For An Act To Be Entitled

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AN ACT TO AMEND NOVICE TEACHER MENTORING REQUIREMENTS

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

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SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-2806(d), concerning the requirement for novice teacher mentoring under the Teacher Excellence and Support System, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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(2) However, a novice teacher who has completed a Division of Elementary and Secondary Education-approved year-long residency is not required to participate in novice teacher mentoring under this subsection (d).

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