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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1305

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO  
10 ISSUE A TEACHING LICENSE TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO DOES  
11 NOT MEET TRADITIONAL OR ALTERNATIVE LICENSURE  
12 REQUIREMENTS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; AND FOR OTHER  
13 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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19 INDIVIDUAL WHO DOES NOT MEET TRADITIONAL  
20 OR ALTERNATIVE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS  
21 UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.  
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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 § 6-17-410, concerning the issuance,  
26 revocation, and suspension of teaching licenses, is amended to add an  
27 additional subsection to read as follows:

28 (k)(1) The state board shall issue a license to an individual who does  
29 not meet the educational requirements of a traditional license and does not  
30 qualify for licensure through other alternative educator preparation programs  
31 if the individual has been approved for licensure and hire by a public school  
32 district board of directors or a governing body of an open-enrollment public  
33 charter school.

34 (2) A public school district board of directors or a governing  
35 body of an open-enrollment public charter school that approves an individual  
36 for licensure and hire under subdivision (k)(1) of this section shall submit



1 a letter to the state board that requests the issuance of a license to the  
2 individual.

3 (3) An individual who is issued a license under this subsection  
4 (k) shall have one (1) of the following:

5 (A) A bachelor's degree in a subject matter related to the  
6 course material that he or she is being hired to teach;

7 (B) An associate degree or trade certification and five  
8 (5) years of documented career experience in a subject matter related to the  
9 course material that he or she is being hired to teach; or

10 (C) Ten (10) years of career experience in a subject  
11 matter related to the course material that he or she is being hired to teach.

12 (4) An individual shall not be issued a teaching license under  
13 this subsection if he or she has:

14 (A) A true report in the Child Maltreatment Central  
15 Registry;

16 (B) Pled guilty or nolo contendere to or been found guilty  
17 of any of the offenses under subsection (c) of this section by a court in the  
18 State of Arkansas or of any similar offense by a court in another state or by  
19 a federal court;

20 (C) Failed to apply for and pass a statewide and  
21 nationwide criminal records check conducted by the Division of Arkansas State  
22 Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation; or

23 (D) Failed to provide his or her fingerprints for a  
24 statewide and nationwide criminal records check as required under § 6-17-417.

25 (5)(A) A license issued to an individual under this subsection  
26 shall be valid for only the duration of his or her employment with the public  
27 school district or open-enrollment public charter school that recommended him  
28 or her for licensure under subdivision (k)(2) of this section.

29 (B) Upon the conclusion of the individual's employment  
30 with the public school district or open-enrollment public charter school that  
31 recommended him or her for licensure under subdivision (k)(2) of this  
32 section, the individual's license under this subsection (k) shall expire.

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