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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1170

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING THE RIGHT TO READ ACT; TO AMEND THE  
9 DATE BY WHICH TEACHERS SHALL DEMONSTRATE PROFICIENCY  
10 IN KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICES OF SCIENTIFIC READING  
11 INSTRUCTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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15 DEMONSTRATE PROFICIENCY IN KNOWLEDGE AND  
16 PRACTICES OF SCIENTIFIC READING  
17 INSTRUCTION.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-429(d), concerning the requirement  
24 that teachers be proficient in knowledge and practices of scientific reading  
25 instruction, is amended to read as follows:

26 (d)(1) By the beginning of the ~~2021-2022~~ 2022-2023 school year:

27 (A) All teachers employed in a teaching position that  
28 requires an elementary education (K-6) license or special education (K-12)  
29 license shall demonstrate proficiency in knowledge and practices of  
30 scientific reading instruction; and

31 (B) All other teachers shall demonstrate awareness in  
32 knowledge and practices of scientific reading instruction.

33 (2) All teachers who begin employment in the ~~2021-2022~~ 2022-2023  
34 school year and each school year thereafter shall demonstrate proficiency or  
35 awareness in knowledge and practices in scientific reading instruction as is  
36 applicable to their teaching position by completing the prescribed



1 proficiency or awareness in knowledge and practices of the scientific reading  
2 instruction credential either:

3 (A) As a condition of licensure; or

4 (B) Within one (1) year if the teacher is:

5 (i) Already licensed; or

6 (ii) Employed under a waiver from licensure.

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