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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING TEACHING
10 LICENSES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

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TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING TEACHING

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LICENSES.

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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 Title 6, Chapter 17, Subchapter 4, is amended
21 to add an additional section to read as follows:

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6-17-430. Licensing of noncitizens.

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24 (a) The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education may grant a
25 license under this subchapter to an individual who, in addition to fulfilling
26 the requirements to teach in this state, satisfies the following
requirements:

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28 (1) The United States Department of Homeland Security has
29 approved the individual's request for exemption under the Deferred Action for
Childhood Arrivals policy;

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31 (2) The individual's exemption status under the Deferred Action
for Childhood Arrivals policy has:

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(A) Not expired; or

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(B) Been properly renewed; and

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35 (3) The individual has a current and valid employment
36 authorization document issued by the United States Citizenship and
Immigration Service.



1 (b) This section is a state law within the meaning of subsection (d)
2 of 8 U.S.C. § 1621, as existing on January 1, 2021.

3 (c) The division shall promulgate rules to implement this section.
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5 SECTION 2. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. DO NOT CODIFY. Rules.

6 (a) When adopting the initial rules to implement this section, the
7 final rule shall be filed with the Secretary of State for adoption under §
8 25-15-204(f):

9 (1) On or before January 1, 2022; or

10 (2) If approval under § 10-3-309 has not occurred by January 1,
11 2022, as soon as practicable after approval under § 10-3-309.

12 (b) The division shall file the proposed rule with the Legislative
13 Council under § 10-3-309(c) sufficiently in advance of January 1, 2022, so
14 that the Legislative Council may consider the rule for approval before
15 January 1, 2022.

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17 */s/Vaught*
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20 **APPROVED: 4/1/21**
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