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A Bill

SENATE BILL 518

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PROFESSIONAL
9 LICENSURE STANDARDS BOARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

10 TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE
11 PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE STANDARDS BOARD.
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13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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15 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-422(b)(1), concerning the membership
16 of the Professional Licensure Standards Board, is amended to read as follows:
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18 (b)(1) The Professional Licensure Standards Board shall consist of
19 ~~fifteen (15)~~ sixteen (16) members appointed by the State Board of Education
20 as follows:
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22 (A) The Commissioner of Education or his or her designee,
23 who shall serve as a nonvoting member;
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25 (B) The Director of the Division of Child Care and Early
26 Childhood Education or his or her designee, who shall serve as a nonvoting
27 member;
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29 ~~(B)(i)(C)~~ (C) Four (4) public school classroom teachers with a
30 valid Arkansas teaching license who are recommended by the Arkansas Education
31 Association, and who teach at:

32 ~~(ii) The four (4) public school classroom teachers~~
33 ~~shall represent the four (4) congressional districts in Arkansas and include~~
34 ~~classroom teachers who are licensed and teach at:~~

35 ~~(a)(i)~~ (i) A licensure level of ~~prekindergarten through~~
36 ~~grade four (preK-4)~~ birth to kindergarten;



1 ~~(b)(ii)~~ A licensure level of kindergarten through
2 grade six (K-6);

3 (iii) A licensure level of grades four through eight
4 (4-8); and

5 ~~(e)(v)~~ A licensure level of grades seven through
6 twelve (7-12); ~~and~~

7 ~~(d) Any licensure level to serve in one (1)~~
8 ~~at large position;~~

9 ~~(C)(i)(D)(i)~~ Four (4) persons with valid Arkansas teaching
10 and administrator's licenses who ~~represent the four (4) congressional~~
11 ~~districts in Arkansas and~~ are recommended by the Arkansas Association of
12 Educational Administrators.

13 (ii)(a) One (1) person shall hold a ~~P-8~~ building-
14 level ~~leader~~ administrator's license and serve as a middle-level building
15 ~~leader~~ administrator.

16 (b) Two (2) persons shall be public school
17 superintendents with valid Arkansas teaching and district-level
18 administrator's licenses recommended by the Arkansas Association of ~~School~~
19 Educational Administrators.

20 (c) One (1) person shall be a public school
21 administrator with a valid Arkansas teaching and building-level or district-
22 level administrator's license recommended by the Arkansas Association of
23 School Personnel Administrators;

24 ~~(D)(E)~~ One (1) nonvoting representative designated by the
25 Department of Education from its ~~offices of licensure and teacher quality~~
26 Human Resources, Educator Effectiveness and Licensure Division recommended by
27 the commissioner;

28 ~~(E)(i)(F)(i)~~ Three (3) deans of education from Arkansas
29 institutions of higher education recommended by the Arkansas Association of
30 Colleges for Teacher Education.

31 (ii)(a) One (1) dean shall be from a private
32 institution of higher education.

33 (b) One (1) dean shall be from a public
34 institution of higher education.

35 (c) One (1) dean who has knowledge of
36 licensure issues;

1 ~~(F)~~(G) One (1) coordinator of educational leadership
2 recommended by the Arkansas Professors of Educational Administration; and

3 ~~(G)~~(H) One (1) ~~curriculum program administrator person~~
4 with a valid curriculum/program administrator's license recommended by the
5 Arkansas Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development.

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7 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-17-422(c), concerning appointments to the
8 Professional Licensure Standards Board, is amended to add an additional
9 subdivision to read as follows:

10 (3)(A) If the membership of the Professional Licensure Standards
11 Board is changed by law, the affected positions will be filled as follows:

12 (A) When the qualifications for a sitting member's
13 position are changed during the member's term, the member shall complete his
14 or her term and the new qualifications shall apply at the expiration of the
15 member's term; and

16 (B) If a new position on the Professional Licensure
17 Standards Board is created, the State Board of Education shall appoint a
18 qualified person to fill the new position as soon as practicable.

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