

## **HF 2741**

# **Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB) Presentation**

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# Mission & Vision

## MISSION:

Ensuring all Minnesota students have high quality educators in their schools

## VISION:

To ensure equitable education practices through high licensure standards, quality educator preparation programs, and stakeholder engagement.





# FY24 Jurisdiction and Scope of Work

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## Pathways to Licensure

- ✓ Oversees 38 Providers
- ✓ Oversees 670 Programs
- ✓ Licensure via Portfolio
- ✓ Heritage Language Licensure Pathways Program

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## Ethics

- ✓ 217 licensee files opened
- ✓ 567 applications reviewed

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## Rulemaking

- ✓ 1 Active Project

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## Licensure

- ✓ 110,000 Licensed Teachers
- ✓ 16,359 New Licenses Issued
- ✓ 5,119 Permissions Granted
- ✓ 20,145 Renewals Processed

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## Data & Compliance

- ✓ Licensure and assignment data from 550 Districts & Charter schools

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## Board Work

- ✓ 12 Meetings Held
- ✓ 1 Retreat
- ✓ 6 Committees (with regularly scheduled meetings)

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## Grants

- ✓ \$17 million in grant funding distributed

# Bill Walk Through

# Operations & Technical Changes

Section 1-3: Move the voluntary paraprofessional credential to MDE, in alignment with their jurisdiction over non-licensed school staff.

Section 4: Removes reference to outdated InTASC standards in favor of current standards. It also removes an obsolete reporting requirement.

Section 5: Removes redundant language.

Section 6: Aligns the alternative teacher preparation grant reporting requirement with grant administration.

Section 7: Provides one-time funding for IT and 1 ongoing FTE to the Board of School Administrators to enable the Board to issue administrative licenses.

# Pathways to a Professional Teaching License

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### Teacher Preparation Programs

Accredited programs that provide content and pedagogical training, as well as clinical experience. 7 of the 38 approved teacher preparation providers in Minnesota are alternative providers, including service cooperatives and school districts.

### Licensure via Portfolio

A standards-based pathway that allows educators to work and use experience to demonstrate meeting licensure requirements.

### Experience Pathway

Grants a Tier 3 license to an educator who has taught for 3 years on a Tier 2 license.

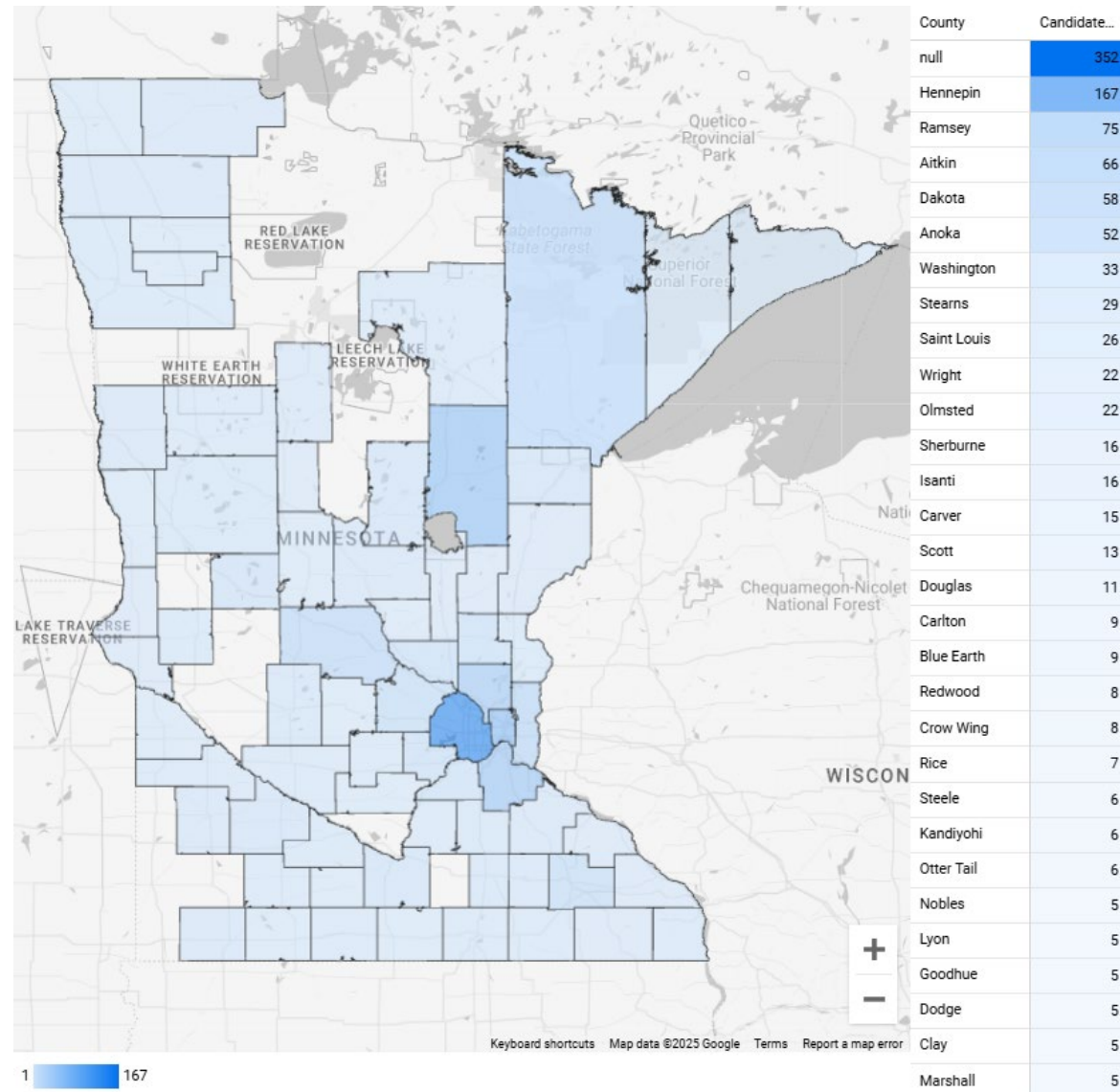
### Teacher Residencies & Apprenticeships

Experience-based pathways that allows educators to work while obtaining their professional licensure from an approved provider.

	Tier 2 to Tier 3 Experience Pathway	Licensure via Portfolio
Fiscal Year 2023	122 116 teachers	65 1 Initial License 64 Additional Licenses
Fiscal Year 2024	104 97 teachers	67 2 Initial Licenses 65 Additional Licenses
Fiscal Year 2025 (as of March 2025)	141 133 teachers	101 19 Initial Licenses 82 Additional Licenses 51 currently under review

# Licensure via Portfolio

Individuals who have started portfolios or expressed interest in licensure via portfolio since October 2023.



# Funding Alternative Pathways to Licensure

## Section 8:

- Increases operations funds to cover staff salaries;
- funds portfolio review;
- funds the heritage language pathway program;
- funds portfolio cohorts in shortage areas; and
- funds the online portfolio platform.

Interest in portfolio and alternative pathways has grown significantly over the past two years.

**Recommendation:** HF 2741 does not include an appropriation for the Preparation Pathways Grant Program as that work is now conducted by staff funded under section 8.



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