

Subject Prekindergarten teacher licensure

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## Overview

This bill requires that a school district and charter school employ a licensed teacher to provide instruction in early education programs and provides that current teachers are exempt from the requirement until July 1, 2027. The bill also adds early education teachers to the definition of “teacher” for purposes of the Public Employee Labor Relations Act (PELRA), which determines which individuals can be in the teacher bargaining unit.

## Summary

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1	<b>Prekindergarten, school readiness, preschool, and early education programs; licensure requirement.</b>
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**Subd. 1. Licensure requirement.** Requires that a school district and charter school employ a licensed teacher to provide instruction in a preschool, school readiness, school readiness plus, prekindergarten, or other early education program in a school district or charter school.

**Subd. 2. Exemptions.** Provides that an individual employed by a school district or charter school as a teacher in an early education program during the 2022-2023 school year who does not have a license is exempt from the requirement in subdivision 1 until July 1, 2027, or until the teacher obtains a Minnesota teaching license, whichever occurs first. Provides that exempt individuals are teachers for purposes of PELRA, which determines which individuals can be in the teacher bargaining unit.

Makes the section effective July 1, 2023.

2	<b>Teacher.</b>
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Modifies the definition of “teacher” for purposes of PELRA. Includes in the definition of teacher, a person providing instruction to children in preschool, school readiness, school readiness plus, prekindergarten, or other early education program in a school

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	district or charter school. Allows these teachers to stay in a different bargaining unit certified before January 1, 2023, with some exceptions.
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