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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill requires the state board of teaching and the state board of education, which have jurisdiction over licensed teachers and administrators who by law hold teaching licenses, respectively, to deny or take away the teaching license of individuals convicted of criminal sexual conduct in the first through fifth degree. It also requires a school board to discharge a probationary or continuing contract teacher immediately upon receiving notice from the state board of teaching or the state board of education of this licensing action. Court administrators are charged with notifying the licensing board with jurisdiction over the teacher's license when a person who is licensed to teach is convicted of criminal sexual conduct.

- 1 Grounds for revocation, suspension or denial.** Requires the state board of teaching and the state board of education, whichever has jurisdiction over a teacher's license, to deny or take away a teacher's license upon receiving notice that the teacher has been convicted of criminal sexual conduct under Minnesota law, the law of another state or federal law. Directs the licensing board to send notice of this action to the school district currently employing the teacher.
- 2 Probationary period.** Requires a school board to discharge a probationary teacher immediately upon receiving notice from the licensing board that the licensing board has revoked the teacher's license due to a conviction for criminal sexual conduct.
- 3 Immediate discharge.** Requires a school board to discharge a continuing-contract teacher immediately upon receiving notice from the licensing board that the licensing board has revoked the teacher's license due to a conviction for criminal sexual conduct.
- 4 Grounds for discharge or demotion.** Requires a school board of a first class city school district to discharge a probationary or continuing-contract teacher immediately upon receiving notice from the licensing board that the licensing board has revoked the teacher's license due to a conviction for criminal sexual conduct.

- 5 **Licensed teachers.** Requires a court to determine whether a person is a licensed teacher when a person is convicted of criminal sexual conduct and, if the offender is a licensed teacher, directs the court administrator to send notice of the conviction within 10 days to the licensing board having jurisdiction over the teacher's license.
- 6 **Effective date.** Makes sections 1 to 5 effective for the 1999-2000 school year and later.