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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

The board of teaching, at the legislature's direction, amended its teacher licensure rules to include a redesign of teacher education programs and exams of general pedagogical knowledge and licensure-specific teaching skills. These new requirements, among others, go into effect in September, 2001. Teacher candidates who have begun but not yet completed their licensure program may face additional, unanticipated course work, expense and time in school if they are obligated to complete their programs under new and different licensure requirements. This bill proposes to allow such persons to request that they be licensed under the licensure rules in effect at the time they began their teacher preparation program.

### Section

- 1 **Teacher licenses.** Allows the board of teaching, at the request of the affected candidate, to issue a teacher license under current licensure rules to a person who: enrolls in an accredited teacher preparation program by January 1, 2000; satisfactorily completes the requirements for licensure under those rules; successfully undergoes a criminal background check required by law for all applicants for initial licenses; and applies for licensure by September 1, 2003. The section is effective immediately.