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Overview

According to department of children, families and learning data, about 20,000 of the state's approximately 56,000 teachers will retire in the next 10 years. A December 2000 Education Minnesota survey on teacher shortages reported that 82 percent of responding school districts had too few licensed substitute teachers, leading some districts to seek provisional licenses or waivers for other professionals with a college degree.

This bill proposes to allow retiring Minnesota public school teachers and other retiring teachers to apply for lifetime limited short-call substitute teaching licenses and exempts such teachers from continuing education requirements.

Section

- 1** **Permission to substitute teach.** (b) Directs the board of teaching to issue a lifetime limited short-call substitute teaching license to a retired Minnesota public school teacher who receives a retirement annuity, holds a continuing five-year license and applies for a short-call substitute teaching license within 180 days of when the teacher's continuing five-year license expires. Exempts persons with a short-call substitute teaching license from having to complete continuing education requirements. Allows persons with a short-call substitute teaching license to reapply for a continuing five-year license and gives such persons a one-year period before again having to complete continuing education requirements. Allows the board of teaching to issue a lifetime limited short-call substitute teaching license to a retired teacher who receives a retirement annuity and holds an out-of-state teaching license or taught at least three school years in an accredited nonpublic school in Minnesota.

Makes this section effective for the 2003-2004 school year and later.

