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Bill Summary

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Overview

Candidates for teacher licensure currently have up to three years after receiving an initial teaching license to pass a basic skills test in reading, writing, and math that is a pre-condition of licensure. This bill proposes to require that all persons pass the basic skills test before being granted an initial teaching license.

Section

- 1** **Teacher and support personnel qualifications.** (b) Requires persons to pass a reading, writing, and math basic skills test before being granted an initial teaching license.
- (c) Strikes language allowing a new teacher to teach for up to three years without first having passed the reading, writing, and math basic skills test that is a condition of licensure.
- (c) Allows the Board of Teaching to grant continuing licenses only to eligible persons who have passed the basic skills test.