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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

Allows non-native English language speakers who provide instruction in their native language up to 36 months after completing a teacher preparation program to take and pass the teacher skills exam and to hold up to three temporary one-year teaching licenses during that time. Allows out-of-state teacher licensure applicants who have not passed the teacher skills exam to have one temporary one-year teaching license while trying to pass the exam.

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- 1 License and rules.** (b)(1) Allows a non-native English language speaker who instructs in that other language or provides world language instruction in that other language to take and pass the teacher skills exam at any time up to 36 months after becoming otherwise eligible for an initial teaching license and to hold up to three temporary one-year teaching licenses during that time. (2) Also allows a person who fails three times to pass the reading, writing, or math portion of the skills exam to take and pass a board-approved credit bearing course in that subject area as an alternative to passing that portion of the skills exam.  
  
Makes clause (1) immediately effective and clause (2) effective August 1, 2014.
- 2 Teacher and support personnel qualifications.** (b)(1) Allows a non-native English language speaker who instructs in that other language or provides world language instruction in that other language to take and pass the teacher skills exam at any time up to 36 months after becoming otherwise eligible for an initial teaching license and to hold up to three temporary one-year teaching licenses during that time. (2) Also allows a person who fails

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three times to pass the reading, writing, or math portion of the skills exam to take and pass a board-approved credit bearing course in that subject area as an alternative to passing that portion of the skills exam.

Makes clause (1) immediately effective and clause (2) effective August 1, 2014.

- 3** **Applicants in other states.** Allows the Board of Teaching to issue a temporary one-year teaching license to an otherwise qualified out-of-state teacher licensure applicant who has not passed the teacher skills exam. Requires the out-of-state applicant to take and pass the exam during that one-year period.

Makes this section immediately effective.