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Bill Summary

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Overview

Allows teacher candidates to attain minimum SAT scores in critical reading, mathematics, and writing or comparable minimum ACT scores in English language, reading, and mathematics as an alternative to passing the teacher skills exam. Allows the Board of Teaching to issue up to three temporary one-year teaching licenses to otherwise qualified teacher licensure candidates who did not attain the requisite minimum SAT or ACT scores and did not pass the teacher skills exam. Allows a person employed by a district who has been issued three, temporary one-year teaching licenses and has not passed the skills exam during that time to continue to teach in the school district under a temporary teaching license.

Section

- 1 License and rules.** Directs the Board of Teaching to adopt rules allowing teacher candidates to attain minimum SAT scores in critical reading, mathematics, and writing or comparable minimum ACT scores in English language, reading, and mathematics as an alternative to passing the teacher skills exam.

Makes this section applicable to persons enrolling in teacher preparation programs after January 1, 2014.

- 2 Teacher and support personnel qualifications.** (b) Directs the Board of Teaching to allow teacher candidates to attain minimum SAT scores in critical reading, mathematics, and writing or comparable minimum ACT scores in English language, reading, and mathematics as an alternative to passing the teacher skills exam.

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(c) Allows the Board of Teaching to issue up to three temporary one-year teaching licenses to otherwise qualified teacher licensure candidates who did not attain the requisite minimum SAT or ACT scores and did not pass the teacher skills exam. Makes a person who passes the teacher skills exam while holding a temporary license eligible for a continuing license. Allows a person employed by a school district who has been issued three temporary one-year teaching licenses and has not passed the skills exam during that time to continue to teach in the school district under a temporary teaching license.

Makes paragraph (b) applicable to persons enrolling in teacher preparation programs after January 1, 2014. Makes paragraph (c) immediately effective and applicable to all otherwise qualified candidates who have not yet passed the skills exam on that date.