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Overview

Proposes to make applicants holding a valid out-of-state teaching license who are offered employment in a Minnesota school eligible for a Minnesota teaching license if they: complete a three-year probationary period in a single school district; are not discharged or advised of a board's refusal to renew the teacher's contract during the probationary period; become eligible for a continuing contract; and undergo a criminal history background check for nonstate residents.

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- 1 Preparation equivalency.** (a) Directs the board of teaching to issue a Minnesota teaching license to an out-of-state applicant who satisfactorily completes a three-year probationary period, meets applicable requirements for a continuing contract or tenure, and undergoes a criminal history background check for nonstate residents offered employment in a Minnesota school.

(b) Directs the board of teaching to issue a temporary, one-year teaching license to an out-of-state applicant who notifies the board of an offer of employment from a local school district. Requires the board to issue an additional one-year teaching license to the applicant each time the employing school district renews the applicant's annual teaching contract during the applicant's probationary period and notifies the board of the renewal before July 1.

Makes this section effective July 1, 2015.
- 2 Probationary period; new-to-the-profession and out-of-state teachers.** Declares that the first three consecutive years of a teacher's first teaching experience in a single school district, whether the teacher is new to the profession or new to the state and holds a valid out-of-state teaching license, is the teacher's probationary period. Requires a school board that renews

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the annual contract of an out-of-state teacher during the probationary period to notify the board of teaching of its action before July 1.

Makes this section effective July 1, 2015.

- 3** **Termination of contract after probationary period.** (c) Declares that a probationary teacher holding an out-of-state teaching license who completes the three-year probationary period, is not discharged or advised of a board's refusal to renew the teacher's contract during the probationary period, and is eligible for a continuing contract, is also eligible to receive a Minnesota teaching license.

Makes this section effective July 1, 2015.

- 4** **Probationary period for new-to-the-profession and out-of-state teachers; discharge or demotion.** Declares that the first three consecutive years of a teacher's first teaching experience in a single first class city school district, whether the teacher is new to the profession or new to the state and holds a valid out-of-state teaching license, is the teacher's probationary period. Requires a school board that renews the annual contract of an out-of-state teacher during the probationary period to notify the board of teaching of its action before July 1.

Makes this section effective July 1, 2015.

- 5** **Period of service after probationary period; discharge or demotion.** (c) Declares that a probationary teacher holding an out-of-state teaching license who completes the three-year probationary period, is not discharged or advised of a board's refusal to renew the teacher's contract during the probationary period, and is eligible for a continuing contract, is also eligible to receive a Minnesota teaching license.

Makes this section effective July 1, 2015.

- 6** **Repealer.** Repeals Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.23, subdivision 2, governing board of teaching requirements for issuing a Minnesota teaching license to an out-of-state applicant, effective July 1, 2015.