

Subject Teacher licensure
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Overview

This bill modifies teacher licensure requirements, including eligibility requirements for some tier levels, renewal requirements, modifies licensing board composition, and makes technical changes.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Teacher. Modifies definition of teacher to include a person with a permission from the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB).
2	Field. Modifies definition of field to be synonymous with licensure area.
3	Teacher preparation program. Eliminates examples of types of teacher preparation programs.
4	Teacher preparation program provider. Modifies definition of teacher preparation program provider to include postsecondary institutions and alternative teacher preparation providers.
5	Appointment of members. Adds three members to PELSB.
6	Eligibility; board composition. Modifies board composition.
7	First appointments. Eliminates obsolete language.

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8	Administration. Eliminates requirement that Department of Education provide board office space at reasonable cost until January 1, 2020, and allowing the board thereafter to contract for space from the Department of Education or Department of Administration.
9	Public employer compensation reduction prohibited. Prohibits a public employer of a member from reducing the member's compensation or benefits for the member's absence from employment while on board business.
10	PELSB must adopt rules. Requires board to adopt rules under section 122A.2451, which governs alternative teacher preparation programs and providers.
11	Teacher and administrator preparation and performance data; report. Makes technical changes.
12	Reading strategies. Makes reading strategies requirement applicable to all program providers.
13	Technology strategies. Makes reading strategies requirement applicable to all program providers.
14	Validity of certificates or licenses. Eliminates obsolete language.
15	Background check account. Eliminates obsolete reference to Department of Education. Eliminates requirement that background check be performed by Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA).
16	Temporary military license. Modifies license fee.
17	Background check. Makes technical changes. Modifies background check requirement.
18	Licensure via portfolio. Makes licensure portfolio available for only Tier 3 license candidates. Makes technical changes.

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19	Requirements. Modifies Tier 2 eligibility requirements.
20	Tests. Allows a candidate for a Tier 3 or 4 license to meet the pedagogy and content test requirement with a performance assessment.
21	Professional growth. Modifies continuing education requirements for Tier 3 and 4 teachers.
22	Cultural competency training. Requires the board to adopt rules requiring teachers renewing Tier 3 or 4 licenses to have cultural competency training.
23	Teacher preparation program. Allows the board to approve all teacher preparation programs, rather than only programs at colleges and universities, for purposes of licensing bilingual and English as a second language teachers.
24	Licensure via portfolio. Adds licensure via portfolio requirements, including fee requirements.



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