

Subject Early education teachers

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Overview

This bill requires a person teaching in a school district or charter school preschool, school readiness, school readiness plus, prekindergarten, or other early education program to meet the teacher licensure requirements that apply to K-12 teachers.

The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB) licenses K-12 teachers, as well as teachers in adult basic education and early childhood and family education programs. In 2017, the legislature enacted a new tiered licensure system with four tiers of licensure. Generally, teachers who have gone through teacher preparation programs will have tier 3 or 4 licenses, while teachers who have not may qualify for tier 1 or 2 licenses, depending on their training and experience. PELSB also issues licenses in particular fields, including early childhood education and special education: early childhood.