

Subject Teacher Preparation Programs

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Overview

The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB) approves teacher preparation programs that meet requirements in statute and rule. A teacher preparation program must be approved by PELSB in order for a candidate to use the traditional teacher preparation program pathway to obtain a teaching license. This bill requires a teacher preparation program to include instruction on ableism and disability justice in order to be approved.

Teachers renewing their licenses must complete continuing education requirements. Some requirements apply only to teachers who hold Tier 3 or 4 licenses, which have terms, respectively, of three or five years. Some requirements apply to teachers who hold licenses in Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3, and Tier 4. The Tier 1 licenses have a one-year term, and Tier 2 licenses have two-year terms. This bill requires all teachers renewing a license to complete a continuing education requirement on ableism and disability justice.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Requirements for board approval. [Teacher preparation programs] Requires a teacher preparation program to include instruction on ableism and disability justice provided by a person with a disability to be approved by PELSB.
2	Ableism and disability justice. [Expiration and renewal] Requires PELSB to adopt rules that require licensed teachers renewing a teaching license to receive at least two hours of instruction on ableism and disability justice provided by a person with a disability.

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3	Appropriation. Appropriates money for PELSB to make rules on ableism and disability justice instruction for teachers renewing their licenses.



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