

Subject Teachers

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Overview

This bill modifies provisions relating to teacher licensure and the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB).

Summary

Section	Description
1	Rulemaking. [Credential for paraprofessionals] Transfers rulemaking authority from PELSB to the commissioner of education.
2	Training possibilities. [Credential for paraprofessionals] Makes conforming change related to transfer of rulemaking authority in section 1.
3	Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board must adopt rules. Makes conforming change related to transfer of rulemaking authority in section 1.
4	Authority to license. [Board to issue licenses] Requires PELSB and the Board of School Administrators to enter into a data sharing agreement to share data in the staff automated reporting system to manage and process administrative licenses.
5	Background studies. [Board to issue licenses] Allows unexpended amounts from annual appropriations for background studies to be transferred to the general fund for PELSB's operations.
6	Term of license and renewal. [Tier 1 license] Changes the term "mental illness" to "mental health."
7	Requirements. [Tier 2 license] Modifies requirements for a Tier 2 license.

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8	Term of license and renewal. [Tier 2 license] Changes the term “mental illness” to “mental health.”
9	Mental health. [Expiration and renewal] Changes the term “mental illness” to “mental health.” Expands current requirement that teachers complete at least one hour of suicide prevention training to renew licenses, to instead require at least five hours in student mental health and wellness, with the initial training to include how to address mental health concerns where a child may pose a threat to themselves or others, and subsequent trainings to include suicide prevention.
10	Information technology. [2024 session law] Allows appropriation for fiscal year 2025 to be available for an additional two years.



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