

# HOUSE BILL No. 2068

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-6.1-3-3.

**Synopsis:** Phonics requirements. Requires academic preparation and a demonstration of competency in the teaching of reading and in reading techniques, including phonetic and sound processing, for a person to qualify to receive or renew an elementary teacher license.

**Effective:** July 1, 1999.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 20-6.1-3-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 3. (a) The board shall
- 3 designate:
- 4 (1) the grade average required for each kind of license; and
- 5 (2) the kinds of license to which the teachers' minimum salary
- 6 laws apply, including nonrenewable one (1) year limited licenses.
- 7 (b) The board shall determine details of licensing not provided in
- 8 this chapter. These details may include requirements regarding:
- 9 (1) the conversion of one kind of license into another;
- 10 (2) the accreditation of teacher training schools and departments;
- 11 (3) the exchange and renewal of licenses;
- 12 (4) the endorsement of another state's license;
- 13 (5) the acceptance of credentials from teacher training institutions
- 14 of another state;
- 15 (6) the academic and professional preparation for each kind of
- 16 license;
- 17 (7) the granting of permission to teach a high school subject area



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- 1 related to the subject area for which the teacher holds a license;  
 2 (8) the issuance of licenses on credentials;  
 3 (9) the kind of license for each school position;  
 4 (10) the size of an elementary school requiring a licensed  
 5 principal; and  
 6 (11) other related matters.

7 However, the board shall, not later than December 31, 1984, establish  
 8 at least one (1) system for renewing a teaching license that does not  
 9 require a graduate degree.

- 10 (c) The board shall periodically publish bulletins regarding:  
 11 (1) the details described in subsection (b);  
 12 (2) information on the kinds of licenses issued;  
 13 (3) the rules governing the issuance of each kind of license; and  
 14 (4) other similar matters.

15 **(d) In addition to other requirements that the board establishes**  
 16 **for licensing, the board shall require as academic preparation for**  
 17 **a standard license in elementary education the completion of an**  
 18 **undergraduate program that contains at least six (6) semester**  
 19 **hours or the equivalent in:**

- 20 (1) the teaching of reading; and  
 21 (2) techniques, including phonetic and sound processing, for  
 22 the teaching of reading.

23 **The board shall require an individual who seeks a standard license**  
 24 **in elementary education to demonstrate the individual's**  
 25 **competency in the techniques required under this subsection before**  
 26 **the individual receives a license.**

27 **(f) In order to be eligible to renew a license in elementary**  
 28 **education, an individual who has not completed the academic**  
 29 **preparation required under subsection (d) must:**

- 30 (1) complete continuing education that meets criteria  
 31 developed by the board in the teaching of reading using  
 32 techniques such as phonetic and sound processing; and  
 33 (2) demonstrate the individual's competency in the techniques  
 34 described under subdivision (1).

35 SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999] (a) As used in this  
 36 SECTION, "board" refers to the professional standards board  
 37 established under IC 20-1-1.4.

38 (b) Not later than January 1, 2000, the board shall:

- 39 (1) determine the competencies in the teaching of reading  
 40 required under IC 20-6.1-3-3, as amended by this act, that an  
 41 individual who seeks a standard license in elementary  
 42 education must demonstrate; and

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- 1           **(2) notify accredited teacher training schools and departments**
- 2           **in Indiana of the competencies.**
- 3           **(c) Notwithstanding IC 20-6.1-3-3, as amended by this act, an**
- 4           **individual who receives a standard license in elementary education**
- 5           **before December 31, 2003:**
- 6           **(1) is not required to demonstrate the individual's competency**
- 7           **in the teaching of reading required under IC 20-6.1-3-3 before**
- 8           **receiving the standard license; and**
- 9           **(2) must demonstrate the individual's competency in the**
- 10           **teaching of reading required under IC 20-6.1-3-3 before the**
- 11           **individual's license may be renewed.**
- 12           **(d) This SECTION expires January 1, 2004.**

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