

SENATE BILL No. 409

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-6.1-3.

Synopsis: Teacher alternative certification. Establishes the teacher alternative certification program. Requires the professional standards board to administer the program to facilitate the entry into the teaching profession of competent persons holding degrees in fields other than teaching and to allow competent persons who do not hold a teaching license to earn and be issued a teaching license. Requires the professional standards board to establish details of the teacher alternative certification program. Requires each accredited teacher training school and department that issues a master's degree to establish a one year master's degree course of study that constitutes the higher education component of the program. Requires the professional standards board to issue an initial standard teacher license to a qualified program applicant who successfully completes both the higher education component of the program and a teacher internship program.

Effective: July 1, 2000.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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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, 2000]: 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) the teacher alternative certification program established**
 7 **by section 11 of this chapter; and**
 8 **(12) other related matters.**

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

12 (c) The board shall periodically publish bulletins regarding:

- 13 (1) the details described in subsection (b);
 14 (2) information on the kinds of licenses issued;
 15 (3) the rules governing the issuance of each kind of license; and
 16 (4) other similar matters.

17 SECTION 2. IC 20-6.1-3-11 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 18 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 19 1, 2000]: **Sec. 11. (a) As used in this section, "program" refers to**
 20 **the teacher alternative certification program established by**
 21 **subsection (b).**

22 **(b) The teacher alternative certification program is established**
 23 **to do the following:**

- 24 **(1) Facilitate the entry into the teaching profession of**
 25 **competent persons holding degrees in fields other than**
 26 **teaching.**
 27 **(2) Allow competent persons who do not hold a teaching**
 28 **license to earn and be issued a teaching license through**
 29 **participation in and satisfactory completion of the program.**

30 **(c) Subject to the requirements of this section, the board shall**
 31 **develop and administer the program. The board shall determine**
 32 **the details of the program that are not included in this section,**
 33 **including the details of the following:**

- 34 **(1) Eligibility for participation in the program.**
 35 **(2) The higher education component.**
 36 **(3) The teacher internship program.**

37 **(d) A person who wishes to participate in the program must**
 38 **meet the following requirements:**

- 39 **(1) Have one (1) of the following from an accredited**
 40 **institution of higher education:**
 41 **(A) A bachelor's degree with a grade point average of at**
 42 **least two and five-tenths (2.5) on a four (4.0) point scale (or**

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- 1 the equivalent).
- 2 **(B) A postgraduate degree with a grade point average of at**
- 3 **least two and five-tenths (2.5) on a four (4.0) point scale (or**
- 4 **the equivalent).**
- 5 **(2) Meet other requirements established by the board.**
- 6 **(e) Each accredited teacher training school and department that**
- 7 **offers a master's degree shall establish a course of study that**
- 8 **constitutes the higher education component of the program and**
- 9 **meets the following requirements:**
- 10 **(1) Includes at least thirty (30) credit hours of study or the**
- 11 **equivalent that can be completed by a person in one (1)**
- 12 **calendar year of full-time study.**
- 13 **(2) Terminates in the issuance of a master's degree to a person**
- 14 **who successfully completes the course of study.**
- 15 **(3) Emphasizes instruction in education methodology and**
- 16 **practices with a focus on the communication of knowledge to**
- 17 **students.**
- 18 **(4) Is approved by the commission for higher education.**
- 19 **(5) Meets other requirements established by the board.**
- 20 **(f) The board shall grant an initial standard license to a**
- 21 **program participant who does the following:**
- 22 **(1) Receives a master's degree for successfully completing the**
- 23 **higher education component of the program.**
- 24 **(2) Participates successfully in a teacher internship program**
- 25 **that includes implementation in a classroom of the teaching**
- 26 **skills learned in the higher education component of the**
- 27 **program.**
- 28 **(3) Upon completion of the teacher internship program**
- 29 **receives a successful assessment of teaching skills from the**
- 30 **administrator of the school where the teacher internship**
- 31 **program takes place.**
- 32 **(4) Meets other requirements established by the board.**
- 33 **(g) The board may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to administer**
- 34 **this section.**

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