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## SENATE BILL No. 434

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DIGEST OF SB 434 (Updated January 20, 2000 11:32 AM - DI 71)

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

**Synopsis:** Alternative teacher certification. Establishes the transition to teaching program, and requires the professional standards board to administer the program to facilitate the entry into the teaching profession of competent professionals who have not obtained a teacher license by traditional means. Requires each accredited teacher training school and department to establish a course of study that constitutes the higher education component of the program. Requires a program applicant to successfully participate in the higher education component and a teacher internship program before being issued an initial standard teacher license.

**Effective:** July 1, 2000.

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January 10, 2000, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.  
January 20, 2000, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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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 transition to teaching program established by section**  
 7 **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 transition to teaching program established by subsection (b).**

21 **(b) The transition to teaching program is established to do the**  
 22 **following:**

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

28 **(c) Subject to the requirements of this section, the board shall**  
 29 **develop and administer the program. The board shall determine**  
 30 **the details of the program that are not included in this section,**  
 31 **including the details of the teacher internship program.**

32 **(d) Each accredited teacher training school and department**  
 33 **shall establish a course of study that constitutes the higher**  
 34 **education component of the program and includes fifteen (15)**  
 35 **credit hours of study or the equivalent with a focus on the**  
 36 **communication of knowledge to students.**

37 **(e) A person who wishes to participate in the program must**  
 38 **have one (1) of the following qualifications:**

- 39 **(1) A bachelor's degree or the equivalent with a grade point**  
 40 **average of three (3.0) on a four (4.0) scale from an accredited**  
 41 **institution of higher education in the subject area that the**  
 42 **person intends to teach.**

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- 1           **(2) A graduate degree in the subject area that the person**
- 2           **intends to teach.**
- 3           **(3) A bachelor's degree and five (5) years of professional**
- 4           **experience in the subject area that the person intends to teach.**
- 5           **(f) The board shall grant an initial standard license to a**
- 6           **program participant who does the following:**
- 7           **(1) Successfully completes the higher education component of**
- 8           **the program.**
- 9           **(2) Participates successfully in a teacher internship program**
- 10           **that includes implementation in a classroom of the teaching**
- 11           **skills learned in the higher education component of the**
- 12           **program.**
- 13           **(3) Receives a successful assessment of teaching skills upon**
- 14           **completion of the teacher internship program from the**
- 15           **administrator of the school where the teacher internship**
- 16           **program takes place.**
- 17           **(g) The board may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to administer**
- 18           **this section.**

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SENATE MOTION

Mr. President: I move that Senator Johnson be added as coauthor of Senate Bill 434.

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## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Education, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 434, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 2, line 34, delete "meets the following".

Page 2, delete line 35.

Page 2, line 36, delete "(1) Includes" and insert "**includes**".

Page 2, run in lines 34 and 36.

Page 2, line 37, delete ".".

Page 2, delete line 38.

Page 2, line 39, delete "practices".

Page 2, run in lines 37 and 39.

Page 2, delete lines 41 through 42.

Page 3, delete lines 1 through 13, begin a new paragraph and insert:

**"(e) A person who wishes to participate in the program must have one (1) of the following qualifications:**

**(1) A bachelor's degree or the equivalent with a grade point average of three (3.0) on a four (4.0) scale from an accredited institution of higher education in the subject area that the person intends to teach.**

**(2) A graduate degree in the subject area that the person intends to teach.**

**(3) A bachelor's degree and five (5) years of professional experience in the subject area that the person intends to teach."**

Page 3, delete line 26.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 434 as introduced.)

WEATHERWAX, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 5, Nays 1.

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