

S.F. No. 1641 – Changes to Teacher Licensure and Teacher Preparation Programs

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Section 1. **[122A.04] License required.** Requires a teacher hold a license or permission aligned to the content area and scope of the teacher’s assignment to provide instruction in a public school or charter school pursuant to section 120A.22.

Section 2. **Scope.** Expands the sections that the definitions in section 122A.06 apply to.

Section 3. **Teacher.** Modifies the definition of “teacher” to include a person with a permission.

Section 4. **Field.** Modifies the definition of “field” to include “licensure area.”

Section 5. **Shortage area.** Modifies the definition of “shortage area” and how a shortage area is determined.

Section 6. **Teacher preparation program.** Modifies the definition of a “teacher preparation program” by striking examples.

Section 7. **Teacher preparation program provider.** Modifies the definition of a “teacher preparation program provider” to include examples of providers.

Section 8. **District.** Defines a “district” as a public school district or charter school.

Section 9. **Transfer pathway.** Defines “transfer pathway” as an established pathway to licensure between a two-year college and a board-approved teacher preparation provider.

Section 10. **Appointment of members.** Modifies the number of members on the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB) from 11 to 13.

Section 11. **Eligibility; board composition.** Modifies the composition of the PELSB. Increases the number of teachers from six to seven. Modifies some of the qualifications of the teacher positions.

Section 12. **Administration.** Strikes obsolete language.

Section 13. **Licensing and approval.** Requires the PELSB approve teacher preparation providers seeking to prepare applicants for teacher licensure in the state.

Section 14. **Register of persons licensed.** Modifies the records that the PELSB must keep to include licenses and permissions held, including renewals. Requires the list be available on the board's website.

Section 15. **Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board must adopt rules.** Modifies the list of sections that the PELSB must adopt rules for. Makes technical changes.

Section 16. **Permissions.** Expands types of teacher preparation programs the PELSB must encourage to develop alternative pathways for licensing career and technical education teachers.

Section 17. **Teacher and administrator preparation and performance data; report.** Modifies the data for the PELSB and the Board of School Administrators to update and post reports from June 1 to July 1. Modifies the publicly reported summary data that teacher preparation providers must provide.

Section 18. **Teacher preparation program reporting.** Modifies the PELSB report to the legislature regarding teacher candidates.

Section 19. **Teachers.** Corrects statutory references relating to support personnel qualifications.

Section 20. **Authority to license.** Expands the definition of a qualified teacher to include one with a permission.

Section 21. **Authority to license.** Makes a technical change.

Section 22. **Support personnel qualifications.** Corrects a statutory reference.

Section 23. **Licensure via portfolio.** Limits the licensure via portfolio process to Tier 3 licenses, or to add a licensure field to a Tier 3 or Tier 4 license.

Section 24. **Staff automated reporting.** Requires the PELSB collect data on educator's employment and assignments from all public school districts and charter schools.

Section 25. **Application requirements.** Modifies the application requirements for the PELSB to approve an application for a Tier 1 license by requiring applications be submitted jointly by applicant and district, and be paid for.

Section 26. **Professional requirements.** Makes technical changes.

Section 27. **Term of license and renewal.** Strikes language allowing the PELSB to submit written comments to the district or charter school that requested a Tier 1 license renewal.

Section 28. **Requirements.** Modifies the application requirements for the PELSB to approve an application for a Tier 2 license by requiring the application be submitted jointly by applicant and district.

Section 29. **Coursework.** Makes technical changes.

Section 30. **Requirements.** Makes technical changes.

Section 31. **Coursework.** Makes technical changes.

Section 32. **Requirements.** Makes technical changes.

Section 33. **Tests.** Makes technical changes.

Section 34. **Remedial assistance.** Makes technical changes.

Section 35. **License form requirements.** Strikes language requiring the PELSB to issue rules for renewing a Tier 3 or Tier 4 license that includes satisfactory evidence of successful teaching or administrative experience for at least one school year, or complete additional preparation. Strikes language requiring the PELSB to establish requirements for renewing the licenses of athletic coaches.

Section 36. **Teacher preparation programs.** Expands organizations that can have teacher preparation programs for bilingual and English as a second language.

Section 37. **Practice or student teachers.** Strikes language requiring student teachers to complete at least two years of an approved teacher preparation program to have classroom experience.

Section 38. **Repealer.** Repeals Minnesota Statutes, sections 122A.07, subdivision 2a; 122A.091, subdivisions 3 and 6; 122A.18, subdivision 7c; and 122A.184, subdivision 3.