

CHAPTER 58
TEACHERS CERTIFICATES

H. F. 374

AN ACT relating to the issuance and renewal of teacher certificates.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section two hundred fifty-seven point ten (257.10), subsection eleven (11), Code 1979, is amended to read as follows:

11. Constitute the board of educational examiners for the certification of administrative, supervisory and instructional personnel for the public school systems of the state; prescribe types and classes of certificates to be issued, the subjects and fields and positions which ~~such~~ certificates shall cover and determine the requirements for certificates; establish standards for the acceptance of degrees, credits, courses, and other evidences of training and preparation from institutions of higher learning, junior colleges, ~~normal schools~~, or other training institutions, both public and private, within or without the state, ~~for the certification of their students~~. The state board shall ~~have and exercise all the powers and perform all the~~ duties imposed upon the board of educational examiners under the ~~provisions of~~ chapter 260. ~~The minimum requirements for awarding a permanent professional certificate shall be:~~

- ~~1. A professional certificate,~~
- ~~2. Four years of successful teaching experience, and~~
- ~~3. A master's degree or a professional degree beyond the baccalaureate degree.~~

Sec. 2. Section two hundred sixty point six (260.6), Code 1979, is amended by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

260.6 CERTIFICATES REQUIRED. The board of educational examiners shall issue certificates pursuant to section two hundred fifty-seven point ten (257.10), subsection eleven (11), of the Code. A person employed as an administrator, supervisor, school service person, or teacher in the public schools shall hold a certificate valid for the type of position in which the person is employed.

Sec. 3. Section two hundred sixty point seven (260.7), Code 1979, is amended by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

260.7 CERTIFICATE VALIDITY. A certificate is valid for the subject matter fields or administrative, supervisory, or school service activities for which an express statement of approval or an endorsement is given by the issuing authority.

Sec. 4. Section two hundred sixty point nine (260.9), subsection one (1), unnumbered paragraph one (1), Code 1979, is amended by striking the unnumbered paragraph.

Sec. 5. Section two hundred sixty point nine (260.9), subsections two (2) and three (3), Code 1979, are amended by striking the subsections.

Sec. 6. Section two hundred sixty point ten (260.10), Code 1979, is amended by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:

NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. Courses, classes, or programs offered in this state by out-of-state institutions must be approved by the board of educational examiners in order to fulfill requirements for certification or renewal of certification of an applicant.

Sec. 7. Section two hundred sixty point eleven (260.11), Code 1979, is amended by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

260.11 EXPIRATION OF CERTIFICATES. The board shall prescribe the terms of years for which the various types and classes of certificates are valid and shall prescribe requirements for certificate renewal. An original or renewed certificate shall expire on June thirtieth of the year in which it expires, and the expiration date shall be determined by counting each fraction of a year during the term of a certificate following the date of issuance as one full year.

Sec. 8. Section two hundred sixty point twelve (260.12), Code 1979, is amended by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

260.12 PERMANENT PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE. The minimum requirements for the board to award a permanent professional certificate to an applicant are:

1. Possession of a valid certificate to teach.
2. Completion of four years of successful experience.
3. Possession of a master's degree or a professional degree beyond the baccalaureate degree.

Sec. 9. Section two hundred sixty point fifteen (260.15), Code 1979, is amended to read as follows:

260.15 APPLICATIONS--DISBURSEMENT OF FEES. Applications for the issuance or renewal of all teachers' certificates shall be made to the superintendent of public instruction. ~~All--fees~~ Fees for the issuance or renewal of ~~such~~ certificates shall be paid to the superintendent of public instruction who shall deposit each fee received from these sources with the treasurer of state ~~to-be-credited~~ and credit the fee to the general revenue fund of the state. ~~In-the-event-that~~ If an application for the issuance or renewal of a certificate is not approved, the state superintendent of public instruction shall remit ~~such~~ the fee ~~or-fees~~ to the applicant by a state comptroller's warrant issued ~~by-him~~ on the general revenue fund ~~not-otherwise--appropriated~~ of the state upon certification of the state superintendent of public instruction that ~~such~~ the fee ~~or--fees--have~~ has not been earned. The superintendent shall keep an accurate and detailed account of money received.

Sec. 10. Section two hundred sixty point nineteen (260.19), Code 1979, is amended by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

260.19 SUBSTITUTE TEACHER'S CERTIFICATES. The board shall prescribe requirements for the issuance of a substitute teacher's certificate.

Sec. 11. Section two hundred sixty point twenty-one (260.21), Code 1979, is amended by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

260.21 VALIDITY OF CERTIFICATES. A certificate is valid throughout the state after issuance by the board. A certificate issued by the board prior to the effective date of this Act is valid until June thirtieth of the year in which the certificate expires. Certificates issued prior to the effective date of this Act may be renewed in a manner prescribed by the board.

Sec. 12. Sections two hundred sixty point eight (260.8), two hundred sixty point thirteen (260.13), two hundred sixty point sixteen (260.16), two hundred sixty point seventeen (260.17), two hundred sixty point twenty (260.20), and two hundred sixty point twenty-nine (260.29), Code 1979, are repealed.

Sec. 13. This Act is effective January first following its enactment.

Approved April 26, 1979

CHAPTER 59

PROFESSIONAL TEACHERS MEETINGS, DEMONSTRATION TEACHING, AND FIELD WORK

H. F. 60

AN ACT relating to the responsibility of area education agencies to provide for improvement of instruction in public schools.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section two hundred fifty-seven point eighteen (257.18), Code 1979, is amended by striking subsection nineteen (19) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

19. Direct area education agency administrators to arrange for professional teachers' meetings, demonstration teaching or other field work for the improvement of instruction as best fits the needs of the public schools in each merged area and formulate rules for the administration of this subsection.

Sec. 2. Chapter two hundred seventy-two (272), Code 1979, is repealed.

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