CHAPTER 109

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AUTHORIZATION STANDARDS $H.F.\ 675$

AN ACT relating to rules adopted by the board of educational examiners establishing standards for substitute teacher authorizations.

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

Section 1. Section 272.31, Code 2021, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

<u>NEW SUBSECTION.</u> 3A. The board shall issue a substitute authorization that allows an individual to substitute in grades prekindergarten through twelve for no more than ten consecutive days in a thirty-day period in one job assignment for a regularly assigned teacher who is absent, except in the driver's education classroom. A school district administrator may file a written request with the board for an extension of the ten-day limit in one job assignment in a thirty-day period on the basis of documented need and benefit to the instructional program. The executive director or appointee shall review the request and provide a written decision either approving or denying the request. A substitute teacher authorization shall require not less than the successful completion of an associate degree or not less than sixty undergraduate semester hours, or the equivalent, from a college or university accredited by an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the United States department of education.

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