

House Amendment 1537

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1 1 Amend Senate File 62 as follows:
1 2 #1. Page 8, by inserting after line 10 the
1 3 following:
1 4 <Sec. _____. Section 279.13, subsection 1, Code
1 5 2007, is amended to read as follows:
1 6 1. a. Contracts with teachers, which for the
1 7 purpose of this section means all licensed employees
1 8 of a school district and nurses employed by the board,
1 9 excluding superintendents, assistant superintendents,
1 10 principals, and assistant principals, shall be in
1 11 writing and shall state the number of contract days,
1 12 the annual compensation to be paid, and any other
1 13 matters as may be mutually agreed upon. The contract
1 14 may include employment for a term not exceeding the
1 15 ensuing school year, except as otherwise authorized.
1 16 b. Prior to entering into an initial contract with
1 17 a teacher who holds a license other than an initial
1 18 license issued by the board of educational examiners
1 19 under chapter 272, the school district shall request
1 20 the division of criminal investigation of the
1 21 department of public safety to conduct a background
1 22 investigation of the applicant. The school district
1 23 shall require the teacher to submit a completed
1 24 fingerprint packet, which shall be used to facilitate
1 25 a national criminal history check. The school
1 26 district shall submit the packet to the division of
1 27 criminal investigation of the department of public
1 28 safety which shall conduct a thorough background
1 29 investigation of the teacher. The superintendent of a
1 30 school district or the superintendent's designee shall
1 31 have access to and shall review the sex offender
1 32 registry information under section 692A.13, the
1 33 central registry for child abuse information
1 34 established under section 235A.14, and the central
1 35 registry for dependent adult abuse information
1 36 established under section 235B.5 for information
1 37 regarding applicants for employment as a teacher. The
1 38 school district may charge the teacher a fee for the
1 39 background investigation, which shall not exceed the
1 40 fee charged by the division of criminal investigation
1 41 for conducting the background investigation.
1 42 c. The contract is invalid if the teacher is under
1 43 contract with another board of directors to teach
1 44 during the same time period until a release from the
1 45 other contract is achieved. The contract shall be
1 46 signed by the president of the board, or by the
1 47 superintendent if the board has adopted a policy
1 48 authorizing the superintendent to sign teaching
1 49 contracts, when tendered, and after it is signed by
1 50 the teacher, the contract shall be filed with the
2 1 secretary of the board before the teacher enters into
2 2 performance under the contract.>
2 3 #2. By renumbering as necessary.
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