

House File 2280

S-5211

1 Amend House File 2280, as amended, passed, and reprinted by  
2 the House, as follows:

3 1. By striking everything after the enacting clause and  
4 inserting:

5 <Section 1. Section 256.7, subsection 3, Code 2018, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 3. Prescribe standards and procedures for the approval of  
8 practitioner preparation programs and professional development  
9 programs offered in this state by practitioner preparation  
10 institutions located within or outside this state and by  
11 area education agencies. Procedures provided for approval  
12 of programs shall include procedures for enforcement of  
13 the prescribed standards and, except as provided in section  
14 256.16, subsection 1, paragraph "a", subparagraph (2),  
15 subparagraph division (b), shall not include a procedure for  
16 the waiving of any of the standards prescribed. The board may  
17 establish by rule and collect from practitioner preparation  
18 institutions located outside this state an amount equivalent  
19 to the department's necessary travel and actual expenses  
20 incurred while engaged in the program approval process for the  
21 institution located outside this state. Amounts collected  
22 under this subsection shall be deposited in the general fund  
23 of the state.

24 Sec. 2. Section 256.16, subsection 1, paragraph a,  
25 subparagraph (2), Code 2018, is amended to read as follows:

26 (2) (a) Administer, prior to a student's completion of the  
27 practitioner preparation program and subject to the director's  
28 approval, subject assessments designed by a nationally  
29 recognized testing service that measure pedagogy and knowledge  
30 of at least one subject area; or, a valid and reliable  
31 subject-area-specific, performance-based assessment for  
32 preservice teacher candidates, centered on student learning.  
33 A student shall not successfully complete the program unless  
34 the scores achieved by the student achieves scores on the  
35 assessments administered under this subparagraph are at or

1 ~~above the twenty-fifth percentile nationally on the assessments~~  
2 ~~administered pursuant to this subparagraph~~ minimum passing  
3 scores set by the department. To determine the minimum passing  
4 scores for purposes of this subparagraph, the department  
5 shall use the recommended scores which are determined by the  
6 assessment provider through a validated standard setting  
7 process.

8 (b) The state board shall adopt rules to provide that  
9 the director shall waive the assessment requirements of  
10 subparagraph division (a) for one year for a person who has  
11 completed the course requirements for an approved practitioner  
12 preparation program but attained an assessment score below the  
13 minimum scores set by the department for successful completion  
14 of the program under subparagraph division (a).

15 (c) The board of educational examiners shall adopt rules  
16 under chapter 17A to create an initial one-year license for  
17 an applicant who obtains a waiver issued by the director in  
18 accordance with subparagraph division (b) and presents the  
19 waiver within thirty days of issuance to the board or who  
20 attended and successfully completed a practitioner preparation  
21 program outside of this state and has met all other application  
22 requirements with the exception of the assessment score  
23 achievement requirements of subparagraph division (a). Such an  
24 applicant must provide an affidavit from the administrator of  
25 a school district or an accredited nonpublic school verifying  
26 that an offer of a teaching contract has been made and the  
27 school district or accredited nonpublic school has made every  
28 reasonable and good-faith effort to employ a teacher licensed  
29 under chapter 272 for the specified subject and is unable to  
30 employ such a teacher.

31 Sec. 3. Section 256.16, subsection 2, Code 2018, is amended  
32 to read as follows:

33 2. A person initially applying for a license shall  
34 successfully complete a professional education program  
35 containing the subject matter specified in [this section](#), before

1 the initial action by the board of educational examiners takes  
2 place. However, this subsection shall not apply to a person  
3 who meets the requirements for an initial one-year license in  
4 accordance with subsection 1, paragraph "a", subparagraph (2),  
5 subparagraph division (c).

6 Sec. 4. Section 272.2, subsection 14, paragraph b,  
7 subparagraph (5), Code 2018, is amended to read as follows:

8 (5) The applicant fails to meet board standards for  
9 application for an initial or renewed license. However, this  
10 subparagraph shall not apply to a person who applies for an  
11 initial one-year license and submits to the board a waiver  
12 issued by the director of the department in accordance with  
13 section 256.16.>

14 2. Title page, by striking lines 1 through 3 and inserting  
15 <An Act relating to assessment scores set by the department  
16 of education for successful completion of a practitioner  
17 preparation program and for initial teacher licensure and  
18 providing for related matters.>

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