

House File 255

S-5005

1 Amend House File 255, as amended, passed, and reprinted by
2 the House, as follows:

3 1. Page 1, line 1, by striking <2023> and inserting <2024>

4 2. By striking page 1, line 22, through page 2, line 5, and
5 inserting:

6 <Sec. _____. Section 256.146, subsection 12, Code 2024, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 12. Adopt rules to provide for nontraditional preparation
9 options for licensing persons who hold a bachelor's degree
10 or higher from an accredited or state-approved college or
11 university, who do not meet other requirements for licensure.
12 The rules shall, at a minimum, require the board to do all of
13 the following:

14 a. Issue a teacher intern license to an applicant who has
15 enrolled in a program established pursuant to section 256.16,
16 subsection 1, paragraph "m".

17 b. Allow a licensee who has attained a teacher intern
18 license pursuant to paragraph "a" to apply for an initial
19 teaching license if the school that employed the licensee
20 during the licensee's completion of the program established
21 pursuant to section 256.16, subsection 1, paragraph "m", and
22 the higher education institution that operated the program
23 recommend that the licensee be allowed to apply for an initial
24 teaching license.>

25 3. Page 2, by striking lines 6 through 12 and inserting:

26 <Sec. _____. Section 256.146, Code 2024, is amended by adding
27 the following new subsection:

28 NEW SUBSECTION. 25. Adopt rules pursuant to chapter
29 17A that allow an individual seeking a career and technical
30 secondary authorization to apply, and, if eligible, be issued
31 the secondary authorization prior to accepting an offer of
32 employment with a school.>

33 4. Page 2, line 13, by striking <272.17> and inserting
34 <256.166>

35 5. Page 2, after line 20 by inserting:

1 **<b.** The applicant shall have at least sixty contact
2 hours in the classroom, of which at least thirty hours shall
3 be teaching in a classroom under a licensed teacher. The
4 applicant may complete any remaining contact hours by working
5 as a para-educator or in another relevant role. The principal
6 of the school where the applicant completed the contact hours
7 shall certify to the board the applicant's completion of the
8 requirements in this paragraph.>

9 6. Page 2, by striking lines 21 through 29 and inserting:

10 **<c.** The applicant shall successfully complete an alternative
11 teacher certification program that has been approved by the
12 board pursuant to subsection 2 and that includes the required
13 content training in the area in which the applicant seeks to
14 be licensed.>

15 7. Page 2, by striking lines 30 through 33 and inserting:

16 **<2.** The board shall not approve an alternative teacher
17 certification program for purposes of this section unless the
18 alternative teacher certification program meets all of the
19 following requirements:>

20 8. Page 3, after line 2 by inserting:

21 **<c.** The alternative teacher certification program must
22 incorporate pedagogy training, including an examination, that
23 teaches effective instructional delivery, classroom management
24 and organization, assessment, instructional design, and
25 professional learning and leadership.

26 **d.** The alternative teacher certification program must
27 include preparation that is substantially similar to the
28 preparation in reading theory, knowledge, strategies, and
29 approaches described in section 256.16, subsection 1, paragraph
30 "a", including preparation related to evidence-based early
31 reading instruction and practical application, if enacted.>

32 9. Page 3, line 3, after <completes an> by inserting
33 <approved>

34 10. Page 3, line 9, after <completes an> by inserting
35 <approved>

1 11. Page 3, line 18, after <an> by inserting <approved>
2 12. By striking page 3, line 25, through page 4, line 18,
3 and inserting:
4 <Sec. _____. Section 256.163, Code 2024, is amended to read
5 as follows:
6 **256.163 Licensure beyond a temporary initial license or an**
7 **initial license.**
8 1. Requirements for teacher licensure beyond a temporary
9 initial license or an initial license shall include successful
10 completion of a beginning teacher mentoring and induction
11 program approved by the state board of education pursuant to
12 section 284.5; or two years of successful teaching experience
13 in a school district with an approved career paths, leadership
14 roles, and compensation framework or approved comparable system
15 as provided in [section 284.15](#); or evidence of not less than
16 three years of successful teaching experience at any of the
17 following:
18 a. An accredited nonpublic school in this state.
19 b. A preschool program approved by the United States
20 department of health and human services.
21 c. Preschool programs at school districts approved to
22 participate in the preschool program under [chapter 256C](#).
23 d. Shared visions programs receiving grants from the child
24 development coordinating council under [section 256A.3](#).
25 e. Preschool programs receiving moneys from the school
26 ready children grants account of the early childhood Iowa fund
27 created in [section 256I.11](#).
28 2. A teacher from an accredited nonpublic school or another
29 state or country is exempt from the requirement of [subsection 1](#)
30 if the teacher can document three years of successful teaching
31 experience and meet or exceed the requirements contained in
32 rules adopted under [this part](#) for endorsement and licensure.>
33 13. By renumbering as necessary.

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