

House File 255

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1 Amend House File 255, 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 256.16, subsection 1, Code 2024, is
6 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

7 NEW PARAGRAPH. *m.* If a higher education institution
8 providing practitioner preparation offers a program that is
9 designed to assist students in attaining a teacher intern
10 license from the board of educational examiners, the program
11 shall require participants to satisfy all of the following
12 requirements before completing the program:

13 (1) A participant in the program must have graduated from
14 an accredited or state-approved college or university and must
15 meet the requirements for an endorsement area approved by the
16 board of educational examiners for a teacher intern license.

17 (2) A participant in the program must submit with the
18 application to the program a copy of an offer of employment
19 from a school.

20 (3) A participant in the program must complete the required
21 pedagogy training.

22 (4) A participant in the program must work under the
23 supervision of a teacher leader assigned by the school district
24 or accredited nonpublic school, including during co-teaching
25 and planning time.

26 Sec. 2. Section 256.146, subsection 12, Code 2024, is
27 amended to read as follows:

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

34 a. Issue a teacher intern license to an applicant who has
35 enrolled in a program established pursuant to section 256.16,

1 subsection 1, paragraph "m".

2 b. Allow a licensee who has attained a teacher intern
3 license pursuant to paragraph "a" to apply for an initial
4 teaching license if the school that employed the licensee
5 during the licensee's completion of the program established
6 pursuant to section 256.16, subsection 1, paragraph "m", and
7 the higher education institution that operated the program
8 recommend that the licensee be allowed to apply for an initial
9 teaching license.

10 Sec. 3. Section 256.146, Code 2024, is amended by adding the
11 following new subsection:

12 NEW SUBSECTION. 25. Adopt rules pursuant to chapter
13 17A that allow an individual seeking a career and technical
14 secondary authorization to apply, and, if eligible, be issued
15 the secondary authorization prior to accepting an offer of
16 employment with a school.

17 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. **256.166 Temporary initial license**
18 **for applicants who complete an alternative teacher certification**
19 **program.**

20 1. The board shall grant a temporary initial teaching
21 license to an applicant who meets all of the following
22 requirements:

23 a. The applicant shall hold a bachelor's degree from an
24 accredited college or university.

25 b. The applicant shall have at least sixty contact hours in
26 the classroom, of which at least thirty hours shall be teaching
27 in a classroom under a licensed teacher. The applicant
28 may complete any remaining contact hours by working as a
29 para-educator or in another relevant role. The principal of
30 the school where the applicant completed the contact hours
31 shall certify to the board the applicant's completion of the
32 requirements in this paragraph.

33 c. The applicant shall successfully complete an alternative
34 teacher certification program that has been approved by the
35 state board of education pursuant to subsection 2 and that

1 includes the required content training in the area in which the
2 applicant seeks to be licensed.

3 2. *a.* The department shall recommend to the state board
4 of education that an alternative teacher certification program
5 be approved or denied within sixty days after the alternative
6 teacher certification program applies to the department for
7 approval and provides to the department sufficient evidence
8 that the alternative teacher certification program meets all
9 of the following requirements:

10 (1) The alternative teacher certification program must
11 operate in at least five states.

12 (2) The alternative teacher certification program must have
13 been in operation for at least ten years.

14 (3) The alternative teacher certification program must
15 incorporate pedagogy training, including an examination, that
16 teaches effective instructional delivery, classroom management
17 and organization, assessment, instructional design, and
18 professional learning and leadership.

19 (4) The alternative teacher certification program must
20 include the administration of an assessment that is identical
21 to the foundations of reading assessment administered in 2012
22 as part of the Massachusetts tests, or the most current version
23 of such assessment, and must adhere to the same reporting
24 requirements related to the assessment that this chapter
25 imposes upon higher education institutions, if any.

26 *b.* (1) If the state board of education approves an
27 alternative teacher certification program, the approval shall
28 be for seven years, or less if the state board of education
29 determines that a shorter term is warranted.

30 (2) If the state board of education approves an alternative
31 teacher certification program, the approved alternative teacher
32 certification program shall submit an annual report to the
33 department, on or before March 15 each year, that contains all
34 of the following:

35 (a) The number of students participating in the approved

1 alternative teacher certification program.

2 (b) The number of students who completed the approved
3 alternative teacher certification program.

4 (c) Information related to student retention.

5 (d) Data that allows the department to match records
6 associated with licensing and employment within this state.

7 (e) Any other information requested by the department that
8 will allow the department to monitor and assess the quality of
9 the approved alternative teacher certification program.

10 c. (1) If the state board of education denies an
11 alternative teacher certification program, the state board of
12 education shall provide the alternative teacher certification
13 program with advice concerning the areas in which the
14 alternative teacher certification program needs to improve, or
15 changes the alternative teacher certification program otherwise
16 needs to make, in order for the state board of education to
17 approve the alternative teacher certification program.

18 (2) The state board of education shall allow an alternative
19 teacher certification program that has been denied approval to
20 present factual information concerning the alternative teacher
21 certification program at a regularly scheduled meeting of the
22 state board of education within three months after such denial.

23 (3) (a) An alternative teacher certification program that
24 has been denied approval shall not apply to the department for
25 approval pursuant to paragraph "a" within six months after such
26 denial.

27 (b) If an alternative teacher certification program does
28 apply to the department for approval after a denial, the
29 alternative teacher certification program shall provide to
30 the department, in addition to the information described in
31 paragraph "a", subparagraphs (1) through (4), sufficient
32 evidence that the alternative teacher certification program has
33 taken actions to address any areas that needed to be improved
34 or changes the alternative teacher certification program
35 otherwise needed to make.

1 3. An individual who successfully completes an approved
2 alternative teacher certification program and who is granted
3 a temporary initial teaching license by the board under
4 this section is authorized to teach the subjects and grade
5 levels that the individual successfully completed during the
6 alternative teacher certification program.

7 4. An individual who successfully completes an approved
8 alternative teacher certification program and who is granted
9 a temporary initial teaching license by the board under this
10 section shall not provide instruction to students who are
11 eligible for services under chapter 256B until the individual
12 successfully completes a practicum relating to providing
13 instruction to such students that includes short-term field
14 experiences in educational settings that are connected to
15 specific coursework.

16 5. The board shall treat an individual who successfully
17 completes an approved alternative teacher certification program
18 and who is granted a temporary initial teaching license by the
19 board under this section in the same manner as an individual
20 who completes a traditional teacher preparation program and
21 who receives an initial teaching license, including during the
22 process of converting the temporary initial teaching license
23 to a standard teaching license.

24 Sec. 5. Section 256.163, Code 2024, is amended to read as
25 follows:

26 **256.163 Licensure beyond a temporary initial license or an**
27 **initial license.**

28 1. Requirements for teacher licensure beyond a temporary
29 initial license or an initial license shall include successful
30 completion of a beginning teacher mentoring and induction
31 program approved by the state board of education pursuant to
32 section 284.5; or two years of successful teaching experience
33 in a school district with an approved career paths, leadership
34 roles, and compensation framework or approved comparable system
35 as provided in [section 284.15](#); or evidence of not less than

1 three years of successful teaching experience at any of the
2 following:

3 *a.* An accredited nonpublic school in this state.

4 *b.* A preschool program approved by the United States
5 department of health and human services.

6 *c.* Preschool programs at school districts approved to
7 participate in the preschool program under [chapter 256C](#).

8 *d.* Shared visions programs receiving grants from the child
9 development coordinating council under [section 256A.3](#).

10 *e.* Preschool programs receiving moneys from the school
11 ready children grants account of the early childhood Iowa fund
12 created in [section 256I.11](#).

13 2. A teacher from an accredited nonpublic school or another
14 state or country is exempt from the requirement of [subsection 1](#)
15 if the teacher can document three years of successful teaching
16 experience and meet or exceed the requirements contained in
17 rules adopted under [this part](#) for endorsement and licensure.>

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