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Schools Pass as Amended 3-6
Education 3/29, Pass as amended 4-24

House File 165
By RADL
(Flatt)

Passed House, Date 3-15-67 Passed Senate, Date 5-8-67
Vote: Ayes 112 Nays 4 Vote: Ayes 39 Nays 4

*Motion
to reconsider
3-16. Passed
107-0
Passed and
amended by Senate
5-17-67
95-0*

Approved June 8, 1967

A BILL FOR

An Act declaring teaching a profession.

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

1 Sec. 1. This Act shall be known as the Professional
2 Teaching Practices Act.

1 Sec. 2. The general assembly hereby declares teaching
2 to be a profession. It is declared to be in the best
3 interest of the State that such profession be recognized
4 and that it accept its professional responsibilities in the
5 development and promotion of high standards of ethics, con-
6 duct, and professional performance and practices.

7 For the purpose of this Act, the "profession of teaching"
8 or "teaching profession" shall mean persons engaged in
9 teaching or providing related administrative, supervisory,
10 or other services in schools requiring certification from
11 the state board of public instruction.

1 Sec. 3. A professional teaching practices commission is
2 created consisting of thirteen (13) members who shall be
3 appointed by the state board of public instruction upon the
4 recommendation of the superintendent of public instruction
5 who shall make his selection for each place on the commission
6 from a panel nominated by the state teachers professional
7 organization having the largest membership; however, any
8 teachers organization certifying to the superintendent of
9 public instruction that its membership is more than ten (10)
10 percent of the total teaching profession may also submit

11 nominations. A person, in order to be qualified for appointment
12 to the commission, shall hold a certificate authorizing him to
13 teach in the state of Iowa or be a member of the faculty of an
14 approved teacher education institution in Iowa. The commission
15 shall be composed of three (3) elementary-school classroom
16 teachers, three (3) secondary-school classroom teachers, one
17 (1) elementary-school principal, one (1) secondary-school
18 principal, one (1) superintendent, one (1) county or area
19 school superintendent, one (1) member of the faculty of a two
20 year college, one (1) member of the faculty of an Iowa college
21 or university approved for teacher education, and one (1)
22 member at large.

23 The state teachers professional organization having the
24 largest membership shall submit to the superintendent of public
25 instruction a panel of three (3) nominees for each place on
26 the commission. Initial appointments shall be: four (4) for
27 one (1) year; four (4) for two (2) years; and five (5) for
28 three (3) years. Thereafter, terms shall be for three (3) years.
29 A member may be reappointed to the commission for only one time.

1 Sec. 4. This commission shall have the authority to select
2 its own chairman, establish procedures for the development of
3 standards, adopt the rules and regulations under which it
4 operates, and secure legal and other services necessary to its
5 function.

1 Sec. 5. The commission shall have the responsibility of
2 developing, through the teaching profession itself, recommended
3 criteria of professional practices in such areas as: (1) con-
4 tractual obligations; (2) transfer and assignment of teaching
5 personnel; (3) competent performance of all members of the
6 teaching profession; and (4) ethical practice toward other
7 members of the profession, parents, students, and the community.
8 A violation of any of the criteria so adopted shall be deemed
9 to be unprofessional practice and a legal basis for the holding
10 of a certification suspension or revocation hearing by the
11 state board.

12 The commission, in administering its responsibilities under
13 this Act, after a public hearing, shall make recommendations
14 to the state board that a member of the profession be exonerated,
15 warned, or reprimanded, or that said person's certificate be
16 suspended or revoked. The commission shall have the authority
17 to subpoena witnesses and place them under oath.

1 Sec. 6. The commission shall be financed by the members
2 of the teaching profession in the amount necessary to carry out
3 the purpose of this act.

EXPLANATION

This act will create a professional teaching practices commission; authorizing appointment of members; providing for development and adoption of criteria for competent professional performance and ethical practice, subject to approval of the state board of public instruction; and providing for authority to hold hearings and make recommendations based upon its findings to the state board that members of the profession be exonerated, warned, or reprimanded, or have their certificates suspended or revoked.

1 Amend House File 165, Section 2, by
2 striking from line ten (10) thereof the
3 words "in schools".

Filed - *Withdrawn 3-15*
February 24, 1967

RADL of Linn.

1 Amend House File 165 by striking all after the enacting clause
 2 and inserting
 3 in lieu thereof the following:
 4 "Section 1. This Act shall be known as the Professional Teaching
 5 Practices
 6 Act."

7 "Section 2. The General Assembly hereby declares teaching to
 8 be a profession.
 9 It is declared to be in the best interest of the State that such
 10 profession be
 11 recognized and that it accept its professional responsibilities
 12 in the develop-
 13 ment and promotion of high standards of ethics, conduct, and
 14 professional per-
 15 formance and practices.

16 For the purpose of this Act, the "profession of teaching" or
 17 "teaching pro-
 18 fession" shall mean persons engaged in teaching or providing
 19 related administra-
 20 tive, supervisory, or other services requiring certification
 21 from the state board
 22 of public instruction."

23 "Section 3. A professional teaching practices commission is
 24 created consisting
 25 of nine (9) members who shall be appointed by the governor who
 26 shall make his
 27 selection for each place on the commission from a panel of not
 28 less than three
 29 (3) nominated by those state associations representing the
 30 categories in which
 a vacancy shall exist. From such lists submitted, the governor
 in making an

19 appointment to this commission shall select one (1) of the per-
 20 sons so named.
 21 A person, in order to be qualified for appointment to the com-
 22 mission, shall
 23 hold a certificate authorizing him to teach in the state of Iowa
 24 or be a member
 25 of the faculty of an approved teacher education institution in
 26 Iowa. The com-
 27 mission shall be composed of four (4) classroom teachers, three
 28 (3) school
 29 administrators, one (1) member of faculties representing two
 30 year colleges or
 Iowa colleges or universities approved for teacher education,
 and one (1) member
 representing the state department of public instruction.
 Initial appointments shall be: four (4) for one (1) year;
 three (3) for two
 (2) years; and two (2) for three (3) years. Thereafter, terms
 shall be for three
 (3) years. A member may be reappointed to the commission for
 only one (1) time.

"Section 4. The members of the commission shall be allowed
 a per diem of

31 thirty (30) dollars and their necessary travel and expense while
32 engaged in their official duties.

33 "Section 5. This commission shall have the authority to sel-
34 establish procedures for its own government and for the devel-
35 adopt rules and regulations, and secure legal and other ser-
36 vices necessary to its function.

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37 "Section 6. The commission shall have the responsibility of
38 developing criteria of professional practices including, but not limited to, such
39 areas as: (1) contractual obligations; (2) competent performance of all members
40 of the teaching profession; and (3) ethical practice toward other members of
41 the profession, parents, students, and the community. A violation, as deter-
42 mined by the commission following a hearing, of any of the criteria so adopted shall
43 be deemed to be unprofessional practice and a legal basis for the suspension or
44 revocation of a certificate by the state board of educational examiners.

45 The commission, in administering its responsibilities under
46 this Act, after a hearing, shall exonerate, warn or reprimand the member of the
47 profession or may recommend the holding of a certification suspension or revoca-
48 tion hearing by

48 the state board of educational examiners. The commission shall
49 have the authority to subpoena witnesses and place them under oath.

50 "Section 7. The commission shall be financed by an appropria-
51 tion from the budget of the state department of public instruction."

Filed - Adopted 3-15
March 6, 1967

By COMMITTEE ON SCHOOLS.

- 1 Amend the Committee Amendment to House File 165 as follows:
- 2 1. By striking all of lines five (5) through nine (9).
- 3 2. By inserting at the beginning of line ten (10) the
- 4 following: "Sec. 2."

Filed - *Adopted 3-15*
March 9, 1967

By GITTINS of Pottawattamie

- 1 Amend the amendment to House File 165 filed by the
- 2 committee on schools on March 6 as follows:
- 3 1. Amend Section 2 by striking the second paragraph
- 4 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
- 5 "For the purpose of this Act, the 'teaching pro-
- 6 fession' shall include all persons who are legally qualified
- 7 for teaching or providing related administrative, super-
- 8 visory, or other services in schools requiring certification
- 9 from the state board of public instruction."
- 10 2. Amend Section 6 by striking therefrom the last
- 11 sentence which reads as follows: "The commission shall
- 12 have the authority to subpoena witnesses and place them
- 13 under oath."

Filed *Division 1 withdrawn 3-15*
March 14, 1967 *Division 2 adopted*

HARBOR of Fremont-Mills.
ROORDA of Jasper.
KOCH of Woodbury.

- 1 Amend the Committee on Schools amendment to House File 165
- 2 by inserting in line 1 after the word "community" the following:
- 3 "however, membership or non-membership in any teacher's
- 4 organization shall never be a criterion of an individual's
- 5 professional standing."

Filed - *adopted 3-15*
March 15, 1967.

GRASSLEY of Butler.

- 1 Amend House File 165 by striking the title and inserting in
- 2 lieu thereof the following:
- 3 "An Act relating to the profession of teaching."

Filed and adopted
March 15, 1967 - *Withdrawn 3-16*

GALLAGHER of Black Hawk.

- 1 Amend the title to House File 165 by striking all after
- 2 the word "Act" and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
- 3 "to create a professional teaching practices commission."

Filed - *adopted 3-15*
March 16, 1967

VETTER of Washington.
RADL of Linn.

1 Amend the amendment to House File 165 filed by the
2 committee on schools on March 6 as follows:
3 1. Amend Section 2 by striking lines 10 through 13
4 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
5 "For the purpose of this Act, the 'teaching pro-
6 fession' shall include all persons who are legally qualified
7 for teaching or providing related administrative, super-
8 visory, or other services in schools requiring certification
9 from the state board of public instruction."

Filed - *Lost 3-15*
March 15, 1967

HARBOR of Fremont-Mills.
ROORDA of Jasper.

1 Amend the committee amendment to House File 165 by striking
2 all of Section 7 of the amendment and inserting in lieu
3 thereof:
4 "The commission shall be financed by the members of the
5 teaching profession in the amount necessary to carry out
6 the purpose of this act."

Filed - *Adopted 3-15*
March 15, 1967

McINTYRE of Linn.

Senate

1 Amend House File 165 as amended by inserting in line one
2 (1) of Section three (3) after the word "commission" the
3 words, ", which shall be included in the state department
4 of public instruction for administrative purposes,"

Filed - *Adopted 5-8-67*
May 2, 1967

House concurred 5-19-67

By GAUDINEER.

1 Amend House File 165 as follows:
2 1. By striking all after the word "governor" in line
3 three (3) of section three (3) and inserting in lieu
4 thereof a period.
5 2. By striking lines four (4) through eight (8) in-
6 clusive in section three (3).

Filed - *Adopted 5-2*
April 24, 1967

House concurred 5-19-67

By EDUCATION COMMITTEE