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3 BACKGROUND STATEMENT  
4 SUBMITTED BY THE AGENCY

5 Currently, educators apply for an evaluator license at  
6 various times. Some educators complete the necessary  
7 coursework, but since they are not employed in a position  
8 requiring the license, they do not apply for the license.  
9 When they do apply the license is issued for a five-year  
10 period.

11 Under current law, it is not possible to issue the  
12 evaluator license for a term which is consistent with a base  
13 license (either a teacher's license or an administrative  
14 license). This can cause confusion because the educator holds  
15 licenses with multiple expiration dates and renewal  
16 requirements.

17 If there were an option for an evaluator endorsement, which  
18 would be placed on the base license, then the license and the  
19 endorsement would be renewed at the same time. This would  
20 reduce the confusion for the educator and simplify the agency  
21 record system.

22 The evaluator license would continue to be issued for those  
23 remaining educators who hold a permanent professional license.  
24 These licenses are no longer issued, but continue in force.

25 These changes will simplify the licensing process for Iowa  
26 educators, and at the same time, the intent of the legislation  
27 would be maintained. Also, the proposed changes do not deny  
28 or remove any privileges currently held by Iowa educators.

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LEONARD L. BOSWELL  
President of the Senate

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RON J. CORBETT  
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 2159, Seventy-sixth General Assembly.

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JOHN F. DWYER  
Secretary of the Senate

Approved April 15, 1996

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Governor