

Senate Study Bill 2098

Conference Committee Text

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1 1 Section 1. Section 272.33, Code 1995, is amended to read
1 2 as follows:
1 3 272.33 EVALUATOR LICENSE.
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~~Effective July 1, 1990, in~~

~~In addition to licenses required~~

1 5 under rules adopted pursuant to this chapter, an individual
1 6 employed as an administrator, supervisor, school service
1 7 person, or teacher by a school district, area education
1 8 agency, or community college, who conducts evaluations of the
1 9 performance of individuals holding licenses under this
1 10 chapter, shall possess an evaluator license or an evaluator
1 11 endorsement appearing on a teaching or administrative license.
1 12 Individuals employed in community colleges who do not directly
1 13 supervise licensed teaching faculty are exempt from this
1 14 section.
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~~By July 1, 1990, the~~

~~The board of educational examiners~~

1 16 shall adopt rules establishing requirements for an evaluator
1 17 license or an evaluator endorsement including but not limited
1 18 to renewal requirements, fees, and suspension and revocation
1 19 of evaluator licenses or endorsements. An approved program
1 20 shall include provisions for determining that an applicant for
1 21 an evaluator license or endorsement has satisfactorily
1 22 completed the program. The state board of education shall
1 23 work with institutions of higher education under the state
1 24 board of regents, private colleges and universities, community
1 25 colleges, and area education agencies to ensure that the
1 26 courses required under subsection 1 are offered throughout the
1 27 state at convenient times and at reasonable cost. The
1 28 requirements shall include completion of a program approved by
1 29 the state board of education as follows:

1 30 1. For evaluation of teachers, the development of skills
1 31 including but not limited to analysis of lesson plans,
1 32 classroom observation, analysis of data, performance
1 33 improvement strategies, and communication skills.

1 34 2. For evaluation of licensed employees other than
1 35 teachers, the development of skills including but not limited
2 1 to communication skills, analysis of employee performance,
2 2 analysis of data, and performance improvement strategies.
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~~An evaluator license is valid for a period of five years~~

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~~from its issuance~~

~~and is renewable upon meeting renewal~~

2 5 requirements established by the board of educational
2 6 examiners. The holder of a license with an evaluator
2 7 endorsement must complete evaluation coursework as part of
2 8 license renewal requirements. The board of educational
2 9 examiners shall develop renewal requirements for holders of

2 10 evaluator endorsements. To be eligible for an evaluator
2 11 license or evaluator endorsement, an individual must hold
2 12 either a teacher's license or administrative license issued by
2 13 the board of educational examiners. An individual possessing
2 14 a permanent teaching license which remains in force shall be
2 15 issued an evaluator license.

2 16 EXPLANATION

2 17 This bill provides an alternative to obtaining an evaluator
2 18 license for individuals employed in a supervisory teaching or
2 19 administrative capacity. Such individuals are currently
2 20 required pursuant to section 272.33 to complete coursework
2 21 leading to evaluator licensing if they are responsible for
2 22 administering teaching faculty performance evaluations. Under
2 23 the bill an evaluator endorsement appearing on a teaching or
2 24 administrative license would enable these individuals to
2 25 coordinate expiration and renewal dates with their underlying
2 26 teaching or administrative license, and simplify
2 27 administrative recordkeeping. They would be required to
2 28 complete licensing-related coursework and conform to renewal
2 29 requirements developed by the board of educational examiners.
2 30 Individuals possessing permanent professional education
2 31 licenses would continue to obtain an evaluator license, as
2 32 opposed to an endorsement, upon completion of the required
2 33 coursework.

2 34 The bill also provides that individuals employed in
2 35 community colleges who do not directly supervise licensed
3 1 teaching faculty are exempt from the evaluator licensing or
3 2 endorsement requirements.

3 3 BACKGROUND STATEMENT

3 4 SUBMITTED BY THE AGENCY

3 5 Currently, educators apply for an evaluator license at
3 6 various times. Some educators complete the necessary
3 7 coursework, but since they are not employed in a position
3 8 requiring the license, they do not apply for the license.
3 9 When they do apply the license is issued for a five-year
3 10 period.

3 11 Under current law, it is not possible to issue the
3 12 evaluator license for a term which is consistent with a base
3 13 license (either a teacher's license or an administrative
3 14 license). This can cause confusion because the educator holds
3 15 licenses with multiple expiration dates and renewal
3 16 requirements.

3 17 If there were an option for an evaluator endorsement, which
3 18 would be placed on the base license, then the license and the
3 19 endorsement would be renewed at the same time. This would
3 20 reduce the confusion for the educator and simplify the agency
3 21 record system.

3 22 The evaluator license would continue to be issued for those
3 23 remaining educators who hold a permanent professional license.
3 24 These licenses are no longer issued, but continue in force.

3 25 These changes will simplify the licensing process for Iowa
3 26 educators, and at the same time, the intent of the legislation
3 27 would be maintained. Also, the proposed changes do not deny
3 28 or remove any privileges currently held by Iowa educators.

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