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A BILL FOR

1 An Act authorizing the state board of educational examiners to
2 establish the term of a school administrator's license.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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2 as follows:

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7 ~~July-1, -1985~~. Successful completion of a professional
8 development program is required ~~every-five-years~~ before the
9 license is renewed by the board.

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EXPLANATION

11 This bill permits the board of educational examiners to
12 establish the term of school administrators' licenses by
13 striking Code language establishing a five-year term of
14 validity. Within the same Code section, the bill also strikes
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16 adopt rules relating to professional development programs for
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18 schools. The bill strikes the date because all individuals
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ERRY E. BRANSTAD, GOVERNOR

BOARD OF EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS

LSB 1276DP

DATE: January 13, 1997
TO: Members of the General Assembly
FROM: Board of Educational Examiners
Orrin Nearhoof, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Pre-Filed Bill Draft TLSB 1276DP 77, An Act Authorizing the State Board of Educational Examiners to Establish the Term of a School Administrators's License

With the revisions in Chapter 272, enacted in 1989, the term for the Administrator's License was set at five years. This was also the term previously established by administrative rule.

The Board of Educational Examiners has been engaged in a four-year review and study of licensure for the 21st Century. One element in this review process is consideration of a two-tiered licensing framework for school administrators which would parallel a similar framework for classroom teachers.

However, as the Board considered this system, it realized that the language of the Section 272.9A, restricted the term of the Administrative License to five years. This bill would eliminate the five-year restriction, but it continues the requirement for the administrator to complete a professional development program. It would also provide the option for the Board to establish a multi-tiered administrative license structure which could include an advanced administrative license based on experience and specialized preparation as well as an initial term of fewer years.