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A BILL FOR

1 An Act to include school nurses, school social workers,  
2 counselors, and media specialists in the student achievement  
3 and teacher quality program and eliminate a program  
4 requirement for an educational license.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 284.2, subsections 1, 2, 3, and 12,  
2 Code 2003, are amended to read as follows:

3 1. "Beginning teacher" means an individual serving under  
4 an initial ~~provisional~~ license, issued by the board of  
5 educational examiners under chapter 272, who is assuming a  
6 position as a classroom teacher. ~~For purposes of the~~  
7 ~~beginning-teacher-mentoring-and-induction-program-created~~  
8 ~~pursuant-to-section-284-57-"beginning~~ "Beginning teacher" also  
9 includes preschool teachers, school nurses, school social  
10 workers, counselors, and media specialists who are licensed by  
11 the board of educational examiners under chapter 272 or hold a  
12 letter of authorization or statement of professional  
13 recognition issued by the board of educational examiners, and  
14 who are employed by serving a probationary period of  
15 employment with a school district or area education agency.

16 2. "Classroom teacher" means an individual who holds a  
17 valid practitioner's license and who is employed under a  
18 contract issued by a board of directors under section 279.13  
19 to provide classroom instruction to students, or as a  
20 preschool teacher. "Classroom teacher" also includes school  
21 nurses, school social workers, counselors, and media  
22 specialists who are licensed by the board of educational  
23 examiners under chapter 272 or hold a letter of authorization  
24 or statement of professional recognition issued by the board  
25 of educational examiners, and who are employed by a school  
26 district or area education agency.

27 3. "Comprehensive evaluation" means a summative evaluation  
28 of a beginning teacher conducted by an evaluator for purposes  
29 of determining a beginning teacher's level of competency  
30 relative to the Iowa teaching standards and ~~for recommendation~~  
31 ~~for licensure-based-upon-models~~ the knowledge and skill  
32 criteria developed pursuant to section 256.9, subsection 50,  
33 and to determine whether the teacher's practice meets the  
34 school district expectations for a career teacher.

35 12. "Teacher" means an individual holding a practitioner's

1 license issued under chapter 272, who is employed in a  
2 nonadministrative position as a teacher, librarian, media  
3 specialist, preschool teacher, school nurse, school social  
4 worker, or counselor by a school district or area education  
5 agency pursuant to a contract issued by a board of directors  
6 under section 279.13. A teacher may be employed in both an  
7 administrative and a nonadministrative position by a board of  
8 directors and shall be considered a part-time teacher for the  
9 portion of time that the teacher is employed in a  
10 nonadministrative position. "Teacher" includes a licensed  
11 individual employed on a less than full-time basis by a school  
12 district through a contract between the school district and an  
13 institution of higher education with a practitioner  
14 preparation program in which the licensed teacher is enrolled.

15 Sec. 2. Section 284.5, subsection 8, Code 2003, is amended  
16 to read as follows:

17 8. If the general assembly appropriates moneys for  
18 purposes of this section, a school district or area education  
19 agency is eligible to receive state assistance for up to two  
20 years under this section for each teacher the school district  
21 or area education agency employs who was formerly employed in  
22 an accredited nonpublic school or in another state as a first-  
23 year teacher. The school district or area education agency  
24 employing the teacher shall determine the conditions and  
25 requirements of a teacher participating in a program in  
26 accordance with this subsection. ~~The school district or area~~  
27 ~~education agency that employs the teacher shall recommend the~~  
28 ~~teacher for an educational license if the teacher, through a~~  
29 ~~comprehensive evaluation, is determined to demonstrate~~  
30 ~~competence in the Iowa teaching standards.~~

31 Sec. 3. Section 284.13, Code 2003, is amended by adding  
32 the following new subsection:

33 NEW SUBSECTION. 5. For each fiscal year in which moneys  
34 are appropriated by the general assembly for purposes of this  
35 chapter, each school district and area education agency shall,

1 by July 1 annually, report to the department of education the  
2 number of preschool teachers, librarians, media specialists,  
3 school nurses, school social workers, and counselors who were  
4 employed by the school district or area education agency on  
5 the third Friday of September of the previous fiscal year.

6 Sec. 4. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance  
7 with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring  
8 compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall  
9 be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid  
10 received by the school district under section 257.16. This  
11 specification of the payment of the state cost shall be deemed  
12 to meet all the state funding-related requirements of section  
13 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional state funding shall be  
14 necessary for the full implementation of this Act by and  
15 enforcement of this Act against all affected school districts.

16 EXPLANATION

17 This bill includes school nurses, school social workers,  
18 counselors, and media specialists in the student achievement  
19 and teacher quality program and eliminates provisions that  
20 base licensure beyond initial licensure as a beginning teacher  
21 on the recommendations of a school district or area education  
22 agency.

23 The program currently includes preschool teachers in the  
24 beginning teacher mentoring and induction program, and defines  
25 "teacher" to include librarians, media specialists, preschool  
26 teachers, and counselors. The bill adds librarians, media  
27 specialists, school nurses, school social workers, and  
28 counselors to the beginning teacher mentoring and induction  
29 program. The bill also adds school nurses and school social  
30 workers to the definition of "teacher".

31 The effect of these changes is that school districts and  
32 AEAs are required to include librarians, media specialists,  
33 preschool teachers, and counselors in beginning teacher  
34 mentoring and induction programs and to permit school  
35 districts and AEAs to receive state assistance under the

1 program for including librarians, media specialists, preschool  
2 teachers, and counselors in the two-year sequence of mentoring  
3 and induction activities. By adding school nurses and school  
4 social workers to the definition of "teacher", those  
5 individuals will participate in the standards, performance  
6 reviews, career development planning, and career path  
7 compensation provided for under the program.

8 By July 1 annually, each school district and AEA must  
9 report to the department the number of preschool and other  
10 employees employed by the district or AEA on the third Friday  
11 of September of the previous school year.

12 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code  
13 section 25B.3. The bill requires that the state cost of any  
14 state mandate included in the bill be paid by a school  
15 district from state school foundation aid received by the  
16 school district under Code section 257.16. The specification  
17 is deemed to constitute state compliance with any state  
18 mandate funding-related requirements of Code section 25B.2.  
19 The inclusion of this specification is intended to reinstate  
20 the requirement of political subdivisions to comply with any  
21 state mandates included in the bill.

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