

Senate File 332 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to board of educational examiners testing
2 requirements for applicants for teacher licensure or
3 endorsement.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 272.2, Code 2007, is amended by adding
1 2 the following new subsection:
1 3 NEW SUBSECTION. 18. Adopt rules that require any
1 4 applicant for licensure as a teacher to take the praxis II
1 5 principles of learning and teaching test for the appropriate
1 6 grade level and a praxis II teaching foundations test in the
1 7 appropriate subject area. If the applicant is applying for an
1 8 Iowa endorsement, the board shall require the applicant to
1 9 take a praxis II subject assessment for each endorsement the
1 10 applicant seeks. However, the rules shall provide that the
1 11 applicant is exempt from the testing requirements of this
1 12 subsection if the applicant provides the board with evidence
1 13 that the applicant has taken the appropriate praxis II tests
1 14 and the applicant's scores on the tests meet or exceed the
1 15 qualifying scores approved by the board.

1 16 EXPLANATION

1 17 This bill requires the board of educational examiners to
1 18 adopt rules requiring that a person who applies to the board
1 19 of educational examiners for licensure as a teacher or for an
1 20 endorsement to teach in a specific subject area must take a
1 21 praxis II principles of learning and teaching test and a
1 22 praxis II teaching foundations test, as well as a subject
1 23 assessment for each endorsement the applicant seeks, unless
1 24 the applicant provides the board with evidence that the
1 25 applicant has taken the appropriate praxis II tests and the
1 26 applicant's scores on the tests meet or exceed the qualifying
1 27 scores approved by the board.

1 28 The praxis II principles of learning and teaching test
1 29 measures general pedagogical knowledge. The teaching
1 30 foundations test measures pedagogy. The subject assessment
1 31 measures general and subject-specific teaching skills and
1 32 knowledge.

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