

House File 2385 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2208)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the licensure of applicants with
2 professional employment in mathematics-related or
3 science-related fields as teachers for secondary
4 school-level mathematics and science courses.
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 272.2, Code Supplement 2011, is amended
2 by adding the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 19. Adopt rules to license as a secondary
4 teacher endorsed to teach only mathematics or science, an
5 applicant who has not graduated from an approved practitioner
6 preparation program but who, at a minimum, holds a bachelor's
7 degree with a major course of study in mathematics or science
8 from an accredited postsecondary institution; has at least six
9 thousand hours of successful, recent, and relevant employment
10 in a mathematics-related or science-related profession; and
11 successfully passes the educational testing services' Praxis
12 II subject examination for biology and general science if
13 the endorsement sought is to teach a science course, or the
14 educational testing services' Praxis II mathematics content
15 and knowledge examination if the endorsement sought is for
16 mathematics.

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EXPLANATION

18 This bill directs the board of educational examiners to
19 adopt rules to license as a secondary teacher endorsed to teach
20 only mathematics or science, an applicant who has not graduated
21 from an approved practitioner preparation program but who, at a
22 minimum, holds a bachelor's degree with a major in mathematics
23 or science from an accredited postsecondary institution; has
24 at least 6,000 hours of employment in a mathematics-related
25 or science-related profession; and successfully passes the
26 educational testing services' Praxis II biology and general
27 science test if the endorsement sought is to teach a science
28 course, or the educational testing services' Praxis II
29 mathematics content and knowledge test if the endorsement
30 sought is for mathematics.