

Senate File 317 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the continued validity of certain special
2 education instructional endorsements to a practitioner
3 license issued by the board of educational examiners.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 272.9, Code 2015, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. *a.* The instructional strategist I,
4 instructional strategist II, or either of the kindergarten
5 through grade twelve mildly disabled endorsements issued under
6 282 IAC 14.2(2-7), to practitioners on or before July 1, 2017,
7 shall continue in force after July 1, 2017, and a practitioner
8 who continues to meet the conditions for practitioner licensure
9 under this chapter shall be permitted to perform the same
10 duties and functions as the practitioner was entitled to
11 perform with the endorsement issued under 282 IAC 14.2(2-7),
12 effective on July 1, 2017.

13 *b.* If a practitioner who holds an endorsement described
14 in paragraph "a" meets the requirements for a kindergarten
15 through grade twelve endorsement or for a special education
16 specializations endorsement under the rules effective on or
17 after July 1, 2019, the practitioner shall be permitted to
18 convert the endorsement described in paragraph "a" to the new
19 endorsement without payment of a fee.

20 EXPLANATION

21 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
22 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

23 This bill provides for the continuation in force after July
24 1, 2017, of certain special education endorsements issued by
25 the board of educational examiners to practitioners on or
26 before July 1, 2017.

27 The board has submitted to the administrative rules review
28 committee notice of intended action to eliminate four types of
29 special education endorsements on July 1, 2019: instructional
30 strategist I, instructional strategist II (including behavior
31 disorders and learning disabilities, intellectual disabilities,
32 and physical disabilities), K-8 mildly disabled, and 5-12
33 mildly disabled. In their place, under the notice of intended
34 action, are the K-12 special education endorsement and the
35 special education specializations endorsement.

1 The bill provides that a practitioner who holds such
2 an endorsement and continues to meet the conditions for a
3 practitioner licensure shall be permitted to perform the same
4 duties and functions after July 1, 2017, as the practitioner
5 was entitled to perform with the endorsement held on July 1,
6 2017. A practitioner who applies for an endorsement after July
7 1, 2017, may apply for any of the six endorsements available on
8 that date, but the validity of the expiring endorsements would
9 not extend beyond June 30, 2019.

10 The bill also allows the practitioner to convert an
11 endorsement issued under the prior rules to an endorsement
12 issued on or after July 1, 2019, without fee if the
13 practitioner meets the requirements for the new endorsement.