

House File 330 - Introduced

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BY GAINES

A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for a teacher licensure renewal requirement
2 relating to cultural competency training.

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

1 Section 1. Section 272.2, subsection 1, Code 2017, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *c.* Establish as a renewal requirement
4 for a standard license the completion of two clock hours
5 of training in a course relating to cultural competency.
6 For purposes of this paragraph, "*cultural competency*" means
7 awareness and understanding of the values, lifestyles, history,
8 and contributions of various identifiable cultural groups in
9 society; recognizing and dealing with dehumanizing biases such
10 as sexism, racism, prejudice, and discrimination and raising
11 awareness of the impact that such biases have on interpersonal
12 relations; recognizing the ways in which dehumanizing biases
13 may be reflected in instructional materials; and acquiring
14 strategies to manage students from different cultures in a
15 classroom setting.

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EXPLANATION

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

19 This bill directs the board of educational examiners to
20 establish, as a renewal requirement for a standard license, the
21 completion of two clock hours of training in a course relating
22 to cultural competency. The bill defines cultural competency
23 as awareness and understanding of the values, lifestyles,
24 history, and contributions of societal cultural groups;
25 recognizing certain dehumanizing biases and their impact on
26 interpersonal relations and their reflection in instructional
27 materials; and acquiring strategies to manage students from
28 different cultures in a classroom setting.