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A BILL FOR

1 An Act authorizing the waiver of the subject and
2 performance-based assessment requirements for teacher
3 licensure.

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

1 Section 1. Section 272.7, subsection 2, Code 2018, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. a. The executive director of the board may grant or deny
4 license applications, applications for renewal of a license,
5 and suspension or revocation of a license. A denial of an
6 application for a license, the denial of an application for
7 renewal, or a suspension or revocation of a license may be
8 appealed by the applicant or practitioner to the board.

9 b. For an applicant who otherwise meets the requirements
10 for licensure, the executive director of the board shall waive,
11 for not more than two years, the subject or performance-based
12 assessment requirements established by the board of educational
13 examiners by rule in conformance with rules adopted by the
14 state board of education pursuant to section 256.16, subsection
15 1, paragraph "a", subparagraph (2).

16 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 requires the executive director of the board
20 of educational examiners to waive, for otherwise qualified
21 applicants and for not more than two years, a provision in
22 the board's administrative rules that effectively requires
23 applicants for teacher licensure to have achieved a score above
24 the 25th percentile nationally on subject or performance-based
25 assessments.

26 Students in a practitioner preparation program approved by
27 the state board of education must, in accordance with Code
28 section 256.16, achieve a score above the 25th percentile
29 nationally on subject or performance-based assessments in order
30 to successfully complete the program.