

Senate File 2363 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3194)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to assessment scores set by the department
2 of education for successful completion of a practitioner
3 preparation program and for initial licensure.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256.16, subsection 1, paragraph a,
2 subparagraph (2), Code 2018, is amended to read as follows:

3 (2) Administer, prior to a student's completion of the
4 practitioner preparation program and subject to the director's
5 approval, subject assessments designed by a nationally
6 recognized testing service that measure pedagogy and knowledge
7 of at least one subject area; or, a valid and reliable
8 subject-area-specific, performance-based assessment for
9 preservice teacher candidates, centered on student learning.
10 A student shall not successfully complete the program unless
11 the scores achieved by the student achieves scores on the
12 assessments administered under this subparagraph are at or
13 above the ~~twenty-fifth percentile nationally on the assessments~~
14 administered pursuant to this subparagraph minimum passing
15 scores set by the department. To determine the minimum passing
16 scores for purposes of this subparagraph, the department
17 shall use the recommended scores which are determined by the
18 assessment provider through a validated standard setting
19 process.

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 requires the department of education to set the
24 minimum passing score on state-mandated subject assessments
25 students take to successfully complete a practitioner
26 preparation program and for initial teacher licensure. The
27 department is directed to use the scores recommended by the
28 assessment provider.