

**Senate Study Bill 3194 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE  
ON EDUCATION BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON SINCLAIR)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to assessment scores set by the board of  
2 educational examiners for successful completion of a  
3 practitioner 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 scores set  
15 by the board of educational examiners in collaboration with  
16 the state board of education. In determining minimum scores  
17 for purposes of this subparagraph, the board of educational  
18 examiners in collaboration with the state board of education  
19 shall review average scores achieved nationally. The board of  
20 educational examiners in collaboration with the state board of  
21 education shall review the minimum scores set for purposes of  
22 this subparagraph every five years.

23 EXPLANATION

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

26 This bill requires the board of educational examiners  
27 in collaboration with the state board of education to set  
28 the minimum score on state-mandated subject assessments  
29 students must achieve to successfully complete a practitioner  
30 preparation program and for initial teacher licensure.

31 The board of educational examiners, in collaboration with  
32 the state board, must review and consider the average scores  
33 achieved nationally on the assessments and review Iowa's  
34 minimum scores every five years.