

House File 2454 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 644)

(COMPANION TO SF 2154 BY
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to qualifications for community college career
2 and technical education instructors.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 260C.48, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
2 2020, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. (1) Instructors in the subject area of career and
4 technical education shall be registered, certified, or
5 licensed in the occupational area in which the state requires
6 registration, certification, or licensure, and shall hold the
7 appropriate registration, certificate, or license for the
8 occupational area in which the instructor is teaching, and
9 shall meet ~~either~~ at least one of the following qualifications:

10 ~~(1)~~ (a) A Possess a baccalaureate or graduate degree in the
11 area or a related area of study or occupational area in which
12 the instructor is teaching teaches classes, or possesses a
13 baccalaureate degree in any area of study if at least eighteen
14 of the credit hours completed were in the career and technical
15 field of instruction in which the instructor teaches classes.

16 ~~(2)~~ (b) Special Possess an associate degree in the
17 career and technical education field of instruction in which
18 the instructor is teaching, if such degree is considered
19 terminal for that field of instruction, and have at least three
20 thousand hours of recent and relevant work experience in the
21 occupational area or related occupational area in which the
22 instructor teaches classes.

23 (c) Have special training and at least six thousand hours of
24 recent and relevant work experience in the occupational area
25 or related occupational area in which the instructor teaches
26 classes if the instructor possesses less than a baccalaureate
27 degree in the area or related area of study or occupational
28 area in which the instructor is teaching classes and the
29 instructor does not meet the requirements of subparagraph (2).

30 (2) ~~If~~ For purposes of subparagraph divisions (b) and (c),
31 if the instructor is a licensed practitioner who holds a career
32 and technical endorsement under chapter 272, relevant work
33 experience in the occupational area includes but is not limited
34 to classroom instruction in a career and technical education
35 subject area offered by a school district or accredited

1 nonpublic school.

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EXPLANATION

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

5 This bill provides more options by which an instructor may
6 qualify to teach at a community college in the subject area
7 of career and technical education (CTE). The bill permits
8 an instructor to teach CTE classes at a community college if
9 the instructor either possesses a baccalaureate degree in any
10 area of study if at least 18 of the credit hours completed
11 were in the CTE field of instruction in which the instructor
12 teaches; or possesses an associate degree in the CTE field of
13 instruction in which the person is teaching, if such degree
14 is considered terminal for that field of instruction, and the
15 instructor has at least 3,000 hours of recent and relevant work
16 experience in the area in which the instructor teaches classes.

17 Currently, an instructor must have a baccalaureate or
18 graduate degree relating to the area in which the instructor is
19 teaching classes or, if the instructor possesses less than a
20 baccalaureate degree, must have special training and at least
21 6,000 hours of recent and relevant work experience in the area
22 in which the instructor teaches classes. In the latter case,
23 if the instructor is a licensed practitioner who holds a career
24 and technical endorsement under Code chapter 272, classroom
25 instruction can be used to meet the requirement relating to
26 relevant work experience, and the bill applies this language to
27 the new option as well.