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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to licensure requirements for school
2 principals, associate principals, and assistant principals.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 279.21, subsection 1, Code 2019, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. The board of directors of a school district may employ
4 principals, under the provisions of [section 279.23](#). A
5 principal shall hold a current valid ~~principal's certificate~~
6 administrator license and hold a principal endorsement. A
7 principal employed in an attendance center shall also hold
8 a valid standard teaching license. Notwithstanding the
9 provisions of [section 279.23](#), after serving at least nine
10 months, a principal may be employed for a term of not to exceed
11 two years. For purposes of this subsection, "attendance center"
12 means a school district building that contains classrooms used
13 for instructional purposes for elementary, middle, or secondary
14 school students.

15 EXPLANATION

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

18 This bill requires a school district principal, associate
19 principal, or assistant principal who is employed in a school
20 district attendance center to hold a valid standard teaching
21 license.

22 The bill updates a reference to a principal's certificate.