

**House Study Bill 644 - Introduced**

SENATE/HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION BILL)

**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 classes.

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

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

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

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#### EXPLANATION

35 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with

1           the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

2       This bill provides another option by which an instructor may  
3 qualify to teach at a community college in the subject area  
4 of career and technical education (CTE). The bill permits an  
5 instructor to teach CTE classes at a community college if the  
6 instructor possesses an associate degree in the CTE field of  
7 instruction in which the person is teaching, if such degree  
8 is considered terminal for that field of instruction, and the  
9 instructor has at least 3,000 hours of recent and relevant work  
10 experience in the area in which the instructor teaches classes.

11       Currently, an instructor must have a baccalaureate or  
12 graduate degree relating to the area in which the instructor is  
13 teaching classes or, if the instructor possesses less than a  
14 baccalaureate degree, must have special training and at least  
15 6,000 hours of recent and relevant work experience in the area  
16 in which the instructor teaches classes. In the latter case,  
17 if the instructor is a licensed practitioner who holds a career  
18 and technical endorsement under Code chapter 272, classroom  
19 instruction can be used to meet the requirement relating to  
20 relevant work experience, and the bill applies this language to  
21 the new option as well.