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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act establishing a new license to be issued by the board of  
2 educational examiners.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 272.16 Temporary initial license  
2 for applicants who complete an alternative teacher certification  
3 program.

4 1. The board shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to  
5 create a temporary initial teaching license for an applicant  
6 who successfully completes an alternative teacher certification  
7 program pursuant to this section.

8 2. The board shall grant a temporary initial teaching  
9 license to an applicant who meets all of the following  
10 requirements:

11 a. The applicant shall be at least twenty-six years of age.

12 b. The applicant shall hold a bachelor's degree from an  
13 accredited college or university.

14 c. The applicant shall successfully complete an alternative  
15 teacher certification program that includes all of the  
16 following:

17 (1) The required content training in the area in which the  
18 applicant seeks to be licensed.

19 (2) Pedagogy training, including an examination, that  
20 teaches effective instructional delivery, classroom management  
21 and organization, assessment, instructional design, and  
22 professional learning and leadership.

23 (3) An examination that includes content and material  
24 that is substantially similar to an examination designed by a  
25 nationally recognized testing service that measures pedagogy  
26 and knowledge in the subject areas that the individual is  
27 required to have a license to teach. The examination shall  
28 be equal to or greater in rigor than a valid and reliable  
29 subject-area-specific, performance-based assessment for  
30 preservice teacher candidates, centered on student learning,  
31 that is administered by a higher education institution  
32 providing a practitioner preparation program pursuant to  
33 section 256.16, subsection 1, paragraph "a", subparagraph (2),  
34 as verified by a third party that regularly reviews educational  
35 and professional examinations.

1     *d.* The applicant shall successfully complete a praxis  
2 subject assessment.

3     3. An individual who has been granted a temporary initial  
4 teaching license by the board pursuant to this section shall  
5 complete a one-year clinical experience program during the  
6 individual's first year in the classroom when the individual  
7 is employed as a full-time teacher. The provider of the  
8 alternative teacher certification program shall do all of the  
9 following:

10    *a.* Provide the clinical experience to the individual at no  
11 cost to the state, a school district, a nonpublic school, or  
12 a charter school.

13    *b.* Provide instruction in all of the following as part of  
14 the clinical experience program:

15     (1) Instructional design and planning.

16     (2) Effective instructional delivery.

17     (3) Classroom management and organization.

18     (4) Effective use of assessment data.

19     (5) Content in federal special education laws and Iowa's  
20 requirements for special education established pursuant to  
21 chapter 256B.

22     (6) Required awareness, preparation, and an understanding  
23 of individualized education programs and plans developed under  
24 section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29  
25 U.S.C. §794, as amended.

26    4. *a.* To be considered an alternative teacher certification  
27 program for purposes of this section, an in-state alternative  
28 teacher certification program shall operate in accordance with  
29 the rules, standards, and requirements set by the board for  
30 licensure of teachers.

31    *b.* To be considered an alternative teacher certification  
32 program for purposes of this section, an out-of-state  
33 alternative teacher certification program shall meet all of the  
34 following requirements:

35     (1) The alternative teacher certification program must

1 operate in at least five states.

2 (2) The alternative teacher certification program must have  
3 been in operation for at least ten years.

4 5. An individual who successfully completes an alternative  
5 teacher certification program and who is granted a temporary  
6 initial teaching license by the board under this section is  
7 authorized to teach the subjects and grade levels that the  
8 individual successfully completed during the alternative  
9 teacher certification program.

10 6. The board shall treat an individual who successfully  
11 completes an alternative teacher certification program and who  
12 is granted a temporary initial teaching license by the board  
13 under this section in the same manner as an individual who  
14 completes a traditional teacher preparation program and who  
15 receives an initial teaching license, including during the  
16 process of converting the temporary initial teaching license  
17 to a standard teaching license.

18 7. An individual who successfully completes an alternative  
19 teacher certification program and who is granted a temporary  
20 initial teaching license by the board under this section shall  
21 not, during the time the individual maintains the temporary  
22 initial teaching license, teach a special education course or  
23 be a special education teacher.

24 8. A school district, a nonpublic school, or a charter  
25 school who hires an individual holding a temporary initial  
26 teaching license granted by the board pursuant to this section  
27 shall submit a plan to the board as soon as is reasonably  
28 practicable after hiring the individual that describes how  
29 the school district, nonpublic school, or charter school will  
30 provide the individual with opportunities to obtain exposure to  
31 classroom management and instructional techniques, including  
32 meaningful exposure to special education, outside of the  
33 context of the instruction provided in subsection 3, paragraph  
34 "b".

35 9. By December 31 of each year, the board shall submit to



1 one-year clinical experience program during the individual's  
2 first year in the classroom when the individual is employed as  
3 a full-time teacher. The bill requires the provider of the  
4 program to provide the clinical experience to the individual at  
5 no cost to the state, a school district, a nonpublic school, or  
6 a charter school, and provide instruction in certain specified  
7 areas.

8 The bill establishes requirements for in-state and  
9 out-of-state alternative teacher certification programs.

10 The bill provides that an individual who successfully  
11 completes an alternative teacher certification program and who  
12 is granted a temporary initial teaching license is authorized  
13 to teach the subjects and grade levels that the individual  
14 successfully completed during the program.

15 The bill requires the board to treat an individual who  
16 successfully completes an alternative teacher certification  
17 program and who is granted a temporary initial teaching license  
18 in the same manner as an individual who completes a traditional  
19 teacher preparation program and who receives an initial  
20 teaching license, including during the process of converting  
21 the temporary initial teaching license to a standard teaching  
22 license.

23 The bill prohibits an individual who successfully completes  
24 an alternative teacher certification program and who is  
25 granted a temporary initial teaching license from teaching a  
26 special education course or being a special education teacher  
27 during the time the individual maintains the temporary initial  
28 teaching license.

29 The bill requires a school district, nonpublic school, or  
30 a charter school who hires an individual holding a temporary  
31 initial teaching license to submit a plan to the board that  
32 describes how the school will provide the individual with  
33 opportunities to obtain exposure to classroom management and  
34 instructional techniques, including meaningful exposure to  
35 special education.

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1 The bill requires the board to submit an annual report to  
2 the general assembly by December 31 of each year regarding the  
3 status of the temporary initial teaching license program.