

Senate File 2202 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3067)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to education, including eligibility for grants
2 under the teach Iowa scholar program, licenses issued by the
3 board of educational examiners, and the use of revenues from
4 the district management levy, and including applicability
5 provisions.

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

1 Section 1. Section 256.16, subsection 1, Code 2022, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *n.* If a higher education institution
4 providing practitioner preparation offers a program that is
5 designed to assist students in attaining a teacher intern
6 license from the board of educational examiners, the program
7 shall require participants to satisfy all of the following
8 requirements before completing the program:

9 (1) A participant in the program must have graduated from an
10 accredited or state-approved college or university.

11 (2) A participant in the program must have at least three
12 years of post-baccalaureate work experience.

13 (3) A participant in the program must submit with the
14 application to the program a copy of an offer of employment
15 from a school.

16 (4) A participant in the program must have completed the
17 required pedagogy training.

18 (5) A participant in the program must work under the
19 supervision of a teacher leader assigned by the school district
20 or accredited nonpublic school, including during co-teaching
21 and planning time.

22 (6) A participant in the program must complete at least
23 fifteen additional hours of coursework.

24 Sec. 2. Section 261.110, subsection 3, Code 2022, is amended
25 by adding the following new paragraph:

26 NEW PARAGRAPH. *d.* The total value of grants awarded under
27 this section each year to applicants who are preparing to
28 teach in a school district, charter school, or an accredited
29 nonpublic school shall be as follows:

30 (1) Fifty percent shall be awarded to applicants preparing
31 to teach in a school district with less than or equal to one
32 thousand two hundred students, a charter school with less than
33 or equal to one thousand two hundred students, or an accredited
34 nonpublic school with less than or equal to one thousand
35 two hundred students. However, if the amount requested by

1 applicants pursuant to subparagraph (2) is less than the amount
2 reserved for applicants under subparagraph (2), the commission
3 may award the difference to applicants under this subparagraph.

4 (2) Fifty percent shall be awarded to applicants preparing
5 to teach in a school district with greater than one thousand
6 two hundred students, a charter school with greater than one
7 thousand two hundred students, or an accredited nonpublic
8 school with greater than one thousand two hundred students.
9 However, if the amount requested by applicants pursuant
10 to subparagraph (1) is less than the amount reserved for
11 applicants under subparagraph (1), the commission may award the
12 difference to applicants under this subparagraph.

13 Sec. 3. Section 272.2, subsection 1, Code 2022, is amended
14 by adding the following new paragraph:

15 NEW PARAGRAPH. *d.* Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection
16 establishing criteria for applicants for licenses who have
17 completed an accredited or state-approved teacher preparation
18 program and who are applying for the applicant's first Iowa
19 teaching license shall not require the applicant to be an Iowa
20 resident if the applicant provides the board with a copy of an
21 offer of employment as a teacher from a school located in this
22 state.

23 Sec. 4. Section 272.2, subsection 13, Code 2022, is amended
24 to read as follows:

25 13. Adopt rules to provide for nontraditional preparation
26 options for licensing persons who hold a bachelor's degree
27 or higher from an accredited or state-approved college or
28 university, who do not meet other requirements for licensure.
29 The rules shall, at a minimum, require the board to do all of
30 the following:

31 a. Issue a teacher intern license for instruction in grades
32 six through twelve to an applicant who has completed a program
33 established pursuant to section 256.16, subsection 1, paragraph
34 "n".

35 b. Allow a licensee who has attained a teacher intern

1 license pursuant to paragraph "a" to apply for an initial
2 teaching license if the school that employed the licensee
3 during the licensee's completion of the program established
4 pursuant to section 256.16, subsection 1, paragraph "n", and
5 the higher education institution that operated the program,
6 recommend that the licensee be allowed to apply for an initial
7 teaching license.

8 Sec. 5. Section 272.2, Code 2022, is amended by adding the
9 following new subsection:

10 NEW SUBSECTION. 27. Adopt rules pursuant to chapter
11 17A that allow an individual seeking a career and technical
12 secondary authorization to apply, and if eligible, be issued
13 the secondary authorization prior to accepting an offer of
14 employment with a school.

15 Sec. 6. Section 279.46, Code 2022, is amended to read as
16 follows:

17 **279.46 Retirement incentives and teacher recruitment**
18 **incentives — tax.**

19 1. The board of directors of a school district may adopt
20 a program for payment of a monetary bonus, continuation of
21 health or medical insurance coverage, or other incentives
22 for encouraging its employees to retire before the normal
23 retirement date as defined in [chapter 97B](#). The program is
24 available only to employees who notify the board of directors
25 prior to April 1 of the fiscal year that they intend to retire
26 not later than the start of the next following school calendar.
27 The age at which employees shall be designated eligible for the
28 program shall be at the discretion of the board. An employee
29 retiring under ~~this section~~ this subsection may apply for a
30 retirement allowance under [chapter 97B](#) or [chapter 294](#). The
31 board may include in the district management levy an amount to
32 pay the total estimated accumulated cost to the school district
33 of the health or medical insurance coverage, bonus, or other
34 incentives for employees fifty-five years of age or older who
35 retire under ~~this section~~ subsection.

1 2. a. The board of directors of a school district may
2 adopt a program for teacher recruitment incentives to recruit
3 new teachers. If the board does adopt a program for teacher
4 recruitment incentives, the board shall adopt a policy to
5 implement the program.

6 b. The board may include in the district management levy
7 an amount to pay the total estimated accumulated cost to the
8 school district of the teacher recruitment incentives adopted
9 under this subsection.

10 c. The board shall not adopt either the program for early
11 retirement benefits provided in subsection 1 or the program
12 for teacher recruitment incentives provided in this subsection
13 within two years after adopting the other program.

14 3. The board of directors of a school district shall
15 discuss the adoption of the program for early retirement
16 benefits provided in subsection 1 or the program for teacher
17 recruitment incentives provided in subsection 2, as applicable,
18 at a regular or special meeting prior to adopting the program.
19 The board of directors of the school district shall provide
20 sufficient time to receive public comment on the program. The
21 board shall allow each interested member of the public to speak
22 at the meeting regarding the program, but may impose a time
23 limit on the amount of time a member of the public is allowed
24 to speak if the time limit is the same for each speaker and
25 necessary due to the amount of people wishing to speak. The
26 board of directors of a school district shall not adopt the
27 program for early retirement benefits provided in subsection
28 1 concurrently with the program for teacher recruitment
29 incentives provided in subsection 2.

30 Sec. 7. Section 298.4, subsection 1, paragraph e, Code 2022,
31 is amended to read as follows:

32 e. To pay the cost of early retirement benefits to employees
33 under [section 279.46](#), subsection 1, or teacher recruitment
34 incentives under [section 279.46](#), subsection 2. A board of
35 directors of a school district shall not expend the district

1 management levy on the costs of both programs in the same
2 fiscal year.

3 Sec. 8. APPLICABILITY. The following applies to grants
4 awarded by the college student aid commission on or after July
5 1, 2022, to initial applicants under the teach Iowa scholar
6 program established pursuant to section 261.110:

7 The section of this Act amending section 261.110.

8 EXPLANATION

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

11 This bill relates to education, including eligibility for
12 grants under the teach Iowa scholar program, licenses issued
13 by the board of educational examiners (BOEE), and the use of
14 revenues from the district management levy.

15 The bill provides that if a higher education institution
16 providing practitioner preparation offers a program that is
17 designed to assist students in attaining a teacher intern
18 license from the BOEE, the program shall require participants
19 to satisfy certain specified requirements.

20 The teach Iowa scholar program, administered by the
21 college student aid commission, provides grants to certain
22 high-caliber, full-time teachers in Iowa in amounts not to
23 exceed \$4,000 annually or \$20,000 over five years. The bill
24 provides that the total value of grants awarded under the
25 program to applicants who are preparing to teach in a school
26 district, charter school, or an accredited nonpublic school
27 shall be equally divided between applicants preparing to
28 teach in a school district, charter school, or an accredited
29 nonpublic school with less than or equal to 1,200 students and
30 applicants preparing to teach in a school district, charter
31 school, or accredited nonpublic school with greater than
32 1,200 students. The bill authorizes the commission to award
33 different amounts to each group of applicants if the amount
34 requested by applicants of either group is less than the amount
35 reserved for that group. The bill establishes that this

1 provision applies to grants awarded by the commission on or
2 after July 1, 2022, to initial applicants under the program.

3 Current law authorizes the BOEE to issue a regional exchange
4 teaching license to an applicant who has completed a teacher
5 preparation program outside of the state and who is applying
6 for the applicant's first Iowa teaching license if, among
7 other requirements, the applicant is a resident of the state.
8 The bill removes the requirement that such an applicant be a
9 resident of this state if the applicant provides the BOEE with
10 a copy of an offer of employment as a teacher from a school
11 located in this state.

12 Current law requires the BOEE to adopt rules to provide
13 for nontraditional preparation options for licensing persons
14 who hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college
15 or university and who do not meet other requirements for
16 licensure. The bill provides that the rules shall require
17 the BOEE to issue a teacher intern license to an applicant
18 who has completed a program offered by a higher education
19 institution providing practitioner preparation that is designed
20 to assist students in attaining a teacher intern license. The
21 bill requires the BOEE to allow a licensee who has attained
22 a teacher intern license under such a program to apply for
23 an initial teaching license if the school that employed
24 the licensee during the program and the higher education
25 institution recommend that the licensee be allowed to apply.

26 The bill requires the BOEE to adopt rules that allow
27 an individual seeking a career and technical secondary
28 authorization to apply, and if eligible, be issued the
29 secondary authorization prior to accepting an offer of
30 employment with a school.

31 Currently, Code section 279.46 authorizes the board of
32 directors of a school district to adopt a program for early
33 retirement benefits to encourage its employees to retire before
34 the normal retirement date. The bill modifies Code section
35 279.46 to also authorize the board of directors to adopt a

1 program for teacher recruitment incentives to recruit new
2 teachers. The bill requires the board of directors to discuss
3 the adoption of the program for early retirement benefits or
4 the program for teacher recruitment incentives, as applicable,
5 at a regular or special meeting prior to adopting the program
6 and allow for public comment. The bill prohibits the board
7 of directors from adopting the program for early retirement
8 benefits concurrently with the program for teacher recruitment
9 incentives. The bill also prohibits the board of directors
10 from adopting either the program for early retirement benefits
11 or the program for teacher recruitment incentives within two
12 years after adopting the other program.

13 The bill authorizes the board of directors to expend the
14 district management levy to pay the costs of either the program
15 for early retirement benefits or the program for teacher
16 recruitment incentives. The bill prohibits the board of
17 directors from expending the district management levy on the
18 costs of both programs in the same fiscal year.