

**House File 2280 - Reprinted**

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2007)

(As Amended and Passed by the House March 6, 2018)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to subject and performance-based assessments  
2 administered prior to a student's completion of a  
3 practitioner preparation program, and including effective  
4 date and retroactive applicability provisions.  
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256.16, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code  
2 2018, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. ~~(1)~~ Administer a preprofessional skills test offered  
4 by a nationally recognized testing service to practitioner  
5 preparation program admission candidates. Rules adopted shall  
6 require institutions to deny admission to the program to any  
7 candidate who does not successfully pass the test.

8 ~~(2) Administer, prior to a student's completion of the~~  
9 ~~practitioner preparation program and subject to the director's~~  
10 ~~approval, subject assessments designed by a nationally~~  
11 ~~recognized testing service that measure pedagogy and knowledge~~  
12 ~~of at least one subject area; or, a valid and reliable~~  
13 ~~subject area specific, performance-based assessment for~~  
14 ~~preservice teacher candidates, centered on student learning.~~  
15 ~~A student shall not successfully complete the program unless~~  
16 ~~the student achieves scores above the twenty-fifth percentile~~  
17 ~~nationally on the assessments administered pursuant to this~~  
18 ~~subparagraph.~~

19 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate  
20 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

21 Sec. 3. RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY. This Act applies  
22 retroactively to July 1, 2012, for individuals who completed  
23 the course requirements for an approved practitioner  
24 preparation program but attained an assessment score below that  
25 required for successful completion of the program under section  
26 256.16, subsection 1, paragraph "a", subparagraph (2), Code  
27 2018. Such an individual shall be deemed to have successfully  
28 completed the practitioner preparation program for purposes  
29 of section 256.16 and is eligible to submit an application  
30 for an initial license to the board of educational examiners,  
31 which may issue the initial license for a period of time at its  
32 discretion.