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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 128)

(As Amended and Passed by the Senate March 1, 2018)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to subject assessment requirements for
2 successful completion of an approved practitioner
3 preparation program and providing for related matters.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256.7, subsection 3, Code 2018, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 3. Prescribe standards and procedures for the approval of
4 practitioner preparation programs and professional development
5 programs offered in this state by practitioner preparation
6 institutions located within or outside this state and by
7 area education agencies. Procedures provided for approval
8 of programs shall include procedures for enforcement of
9 the prescribed standards and, except as provided in section
10 256.16, subsection 1, paragraph "a", subparagraph (2),
11 subparagraph division (b), shall not include a procedure for
12 the waiving of any of the standards prescribed. The board may
13 establish by rule and collect from practitioner preparation
14 institutions located outside this state an amount equivalent
15 to the department's necessary travel and actual expenses
16 incurred while engaged in the program approval process for the
17 institution located outside this state. Amounts collected
18 under [this subsection](#) shall be deposited in the general fund
19 of the state.

20 Sec. 2. Section 256.16, subsection 1, paragraph a,
21 subparagraph (2), Code 2018, is amended to read as follows:

22 (2) (a) Administer, prior to a student's completion of the
23 practitioner preparation program and subject to the director's
24 approval, subject assessments designed by a nationally
25 recognized testing service that measure pedagogy and knowledge
26 of at least one subject area; or, a valid and reliable
27 subject-area-specific, performance-based assessment for
28 preservice teacher candidates, centered on student learning.
29 A student shall not successfully complete the program unless
30 the student achieves scores above the twenty-fifth percentile
31 nationally on the assessments administered pursuant to this
32 subparagraph.

33 (b) The state board shall adopt rules to provide that
34 the director shall waive the assessment requirements of
35 subparagraph division (a) for one year for a person who has

1 completed the course requirements for an approved practitioner
2 preparation program but attained an assessment score below
3 that required for successful completion of the program under
4 subparagraph division (a).

5 (c) The board of educational examiners shall adopt rules
6 under chapter 17A to create an initial one-year license for
7 an applicant who obtains a waiver issued by the director and
8 presents the waiver within thirty days of issuance to the
9 board in accordance with subparagraph division (b) or who
10 attended and successfully completed a practitioner preparation
11 program outside of this state and has met all other application
12 requirements with the exception of the assessment score
13 achievement requirements of subparagraph division (a). Such an
14 applicant must provide an affidavit from the administrator of
15 a school district or an accredited nonpublic school verifying
16 that an offer of a teaching contract has been made and the
17 school district or accredited nonpublic school has made every
18 reasonable and good-faith effort to employ a teacher licensed
19 under chapter 272 for the specified subject and is unable to
20 employ such a teacher.

21 Sec. 3. Section 256.16, subsection 2, Code 2018, is amended
22 to read as follows:

23 2. A person initially applying for a license shall
24 successfully complete a professional education program
25 containing the subject matter specified in [this section](#), before
26 the initial action by the board of educational examiners takes
27 place. However, this subsection shall not apply to a person
28 who meets the requirements for an initial one-year license in
29 accordance with subsection 1, paragraph "a", subparagraph (2),
30 subparagraph division (c).

31 Sec. 4. Section 272.2, subsection 14, paragraph b,
32 subparagraph (5), Code 2018, is amended to read as follows:

33 (5) The applicant fails to meet board standards for
34 application for an initial or renewed license. However, this
35 subparagraph shall not apply to a person who applies for an

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1 initial one-year license and submits to the board a waiver
2 issued by the director of the department in accordance with
3 section 256.16.