



[HF 672](#) – Permanent Teaching Licensure (LSB2019HZ)
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Fiscal Note Version – New

Description

[House File 672](#) requires the Board of Educational Examiners (BOEE) to eliminate renewal requirements for practitioners who hold a master’s or doctoral degree and have been employed as a practitioner for at least 10 years. The Bill provides that for practitioners not subject to renewal requirements, the BOEE is required to review the sex offender registry, the Iowa Court Information System, the registry for child abuse information, and dependent adult abuse records for information on those practitioners every five years. The Bill also permits the BOEE to charge a reasonable fee to practitioners who are not subject to renewal requirements for the review of these systems and records. Lastly, the Bill removes the BOEE’s requirement and ability to verify the completion of mandatory trainings of licensees who hold a master’s or doctoral degree.

Background

Iowa Code section [272.10](#) requires the BOEE to finance all activities through licensing fees. Pursuant to Iowa Code section 272.10, 25.0% of fees collected annually by the BOEE are credited to the General Fund, and the remainder is retained and used by the BOEE. The BOEE has 14.0 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions.

Iowa Code sections [279.13](#) and [279.69](#) currently allow the BOEE and school districts to review the sex offender registry, the Iowa Court Information System, the central registry for child abuse information, and the central registry for dependent adult abuse information and to complete a background check in conjunction with hiring decisions and continuation of employment for education practitioners.

The current \$10 criminal history background check fee for renewals remains unchanged under the Bill.

Assumptions

- An average of 4,193 individuals with a master educator teaching license, professional administrator license, or professional service license renew or extend a license each year.
- The BOEE charges an \$85 processing fee per application for renewals, which would be decreased to \$50 under the Bill. The BOEE estimates that 80.0% of licenses issued meet the 10-year requirement. The Bill will affect approximately 3,311 applications.

Fiscal Impact

House File 672 is estimated to reduce BOEE revenues by \$116,000 per year beginning in FY 2024. Revenue reductions may decrease the number of FTE positions within the BOEE by 1.0 position. In addition, the Bill will result in a decrease of approximately \$37,000 to the General Fund annually.

Source

Board of Educational Examiners

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The fiscal note for this Bill was prepared pursuant to [Joint Rule 17](#) and the Iowa Code. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency upon request.

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