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EDUCATION

HOUSE FILE 2198

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Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act including licensed teachers at the prekindergarten level
2 for purposes of the student achievement and teacher quality
3 program.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 284.2, subsection 10, Code Supplement
2 2001, is amended to read as follows:

3 10. "Teacher" means an individual holding a practitioner's
4 license issued under chapter 272, who is employed as a teacher
5 at any grade level from prekindergarten through grade twelve,
6 librarian, media specialist, or counselor in a
7 nonadministrative position by a school district or area
8 education agency pursuant to a contract issued by a board of
9 directors under section 279.13. A teacher may be employed in
10 both an administrative and a nonadministrative position by a
11 board of directors and shall be considered a part-time teacher
12 for the portion of time that the teacher is employed in a
13 nonadministrative position. "Teacher" includes a licensed
14 individual employed on a less than full-time basis by a school
15 district through a contract between the school district and an
16 institution of higher education with a practitioner
17 preparation program in which the licensed teacher is enrolled.

18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill includes licensed teachers at the prekindergarten
20 level for purposes of the student achievement and teacher
21 quality program.

22 The program's primary components include statewide
23 beginning teacher mentoring and induction programs, career
24 paths with compensation levels that strengthen the state's
25 ability to recruit and retain teachers, and professional
26 development designed to support best teaching practices. If a
27 school district employing a prekindergarten teacher fully
28 participates in the program, the teacher may be required to
29 participate in the mentoring and induction program, and will
30 be required to meet the statewide teaching standards and
31 develop an individual teacher career development plan based
32 upon the Iowa teaching standards and the needs of the teacher,
33 students, attendance center, and the school district. The
34 program also requires that a teacher be comprehensively
35 evaluated prior to advancing to the next career level.