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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to teacher licensing, including the
2 qualifications for licensure, nontraditional practitioner
3 preparation instruction programs, and the employment of an
4 individual who possesses a conditional teaching license.

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

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EDUCATION

1 Section 1. Section 256.7, Code 2001, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 25. Prescribe standards and procedures
4 for the approval of six-week and twelve-week nontraditional
5 practitioner preparation instruction programs offered by
6 practitioner preparation institutions and area education
7 agencies in this state in accordance with section 272.2,
8 subsection 13.

9 Sec. 2. Section 256.16, Code 2001, is amended by adding
10 the following new subsection:

11 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. Pursuant to section 256.7, subsection
12 25, the state board shall adopt rules requiring all higher
13 education institutions providing practitioner preparation to
14 offer six-week and twelve-week nontraditional practitioner
15 preparation instruction programs that, at a minimum, meet the
16 requirements of subsection 1, paragraphs "b" and "c".

17 Sec. 3. Section 272.1, Code 2001, is amended by adding the
18 following new subsection:

19 NEW SUBSECTION. 3A. "Conditional license" means the
20 authority that is given to allow a person to legally serve as
21 a practitioner on a temporary basis or while the person
22 completes a practitioner preparation program.

23 Sec. 4. Section 272.2, subsection 13, Code 2001, is
24 amended to read as follows:

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

30 a. An individual who possesses a master's or doctorate
31 degree may be issued a conditional license to teach at the
32 secondary level in the field or subject area for which the
33 degree was issued if the individual successfully completes a
34 six-week nontraditional practitioner preparation instruction
35 in accordance with section 256.7, subsection 25.

1 b. An individual who possesses a bachelor's degree may be
2 issued a conditional license to teach at the secondary level
3 in the field or subject area for which the degree was issued
4 if the individual successfully completes a twelve-week
5 nontraditional practitioner preparation instruction in
6 accordance with section 256.7, subsection 25.

7 c. An individual who is a skilled technician may be issued
8 a conditional license or endorsement to teach at the secondary
9 level in the field or subject area for which the individual
10 has received a certificate, diploma, associate of science, or
11 associate of applied science degree. However, the individual
12 shall successfully complete a twelve-week nontraditional
13 practitioner preparation instruction in accordance with
14 section 256.7, subsection 25, prior to teaching, and shall
15 meet or exceed the requirements contained in rules adopted
16 under this chapter for an unconditional license or endorsement
17 within two years. For purposes of this paragraph, "skilled
18 technician" means a person who has successfully completed a
19 credit career, vocational, or technical education program
20 resulting in the conferring of a certificate, diploma,
21 associate of science degree, or associate of applied science
22 degree from a community college.

23 Sec. 5. Section 272.8, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2001,
24 is amended to read as follows:

25 The Notwithstanding section 272.6, subsection 3, the board
26 may issue a license to an applicant from another state or
27 country if the applicant files evidence of that the possession
28 of-the-required-or-equivalent-requirements-with-the-board
29 applicant has a record of a minimum of one year of successful,
30 nonprobationary teaching practice at a public school or an
31 accredited nonpublic school. The executive director of the
32 board may, subject to board approval, enter into reciprocity
33 agreements with another state or country for the licensing of
34 practitioners on an equitable basis of mutual exchange, when
35 the action is in conformity with law.

1 Sec. 6. Section 280.14, Code 2001, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 280.14 SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS.

4 1. The board or governing authority of each school or
5 school district subject to the provisions of this chapter
6 shall establish and maintain adequate administration, school
7 staffing, personnel assignment policies, teacher
8 qualifications, certification requirements, facilities,
9 equipment, grounds, graduation requirements, instructional
10 requirements, instructional materials, maintenance procedures
11 and policies on extracurricular activities. In addition the
12 board or governing authority of each school or school district
13 shall provide such principals as it finds necessary to provide
14 effective supervision and administration for each school and
15 its faculty and student body. An individual who is employed
16 or contracted as a superintendent by a school or school
17 district may also serve as an elementary principal in the same
18 school or school district.

19 2. The board of directors of a school district and the
20 governing authority of an accredited nonpublic school shall
21 employ an individual licensed under the provisions of section
22 272.2, subsection 13, paragraphs "a" through "c", only if the
23 board or the authorities have made a good faith effort to
24 employ in the position a teacher who possesses an
25 unconditional license or an endorsement in accordance with
26 chapter 272.

27 EXPLANATION

28 This bill directs the state board of education to prescribe
29 standards and procedures for the approval of six-week and 12-
30 week nontraditional practitioner preparation instruction
31 programs, allows the conditional licensure of individuals who
32 have not completed a practitioner preparation program, allows
33 licensure of an out-of-state teacher if the teacher has a
34 record of one year of successful teaching experience, and
35 permits a school to hire a conditionally licensed individual

1 if the school has made a good faith effort to hire an
2 unconditionally licensed teacher.

3 The bill defines "conditional license" as the authority
4 given to allow a person to serve as a practitioner on a
5 temporary basis or while the person completes a practitioner
6 preparation program.

7 The bill also directs the board of educational examiners to
8 adopt rules to provide for nontraditional licensing options
9 that provide a means of conditionally licensing an individual
10 who possesses a master's degree, a bachelor's degree, or who
11 is a skilled technician who possesses a certificate, diploma,
12 or associate degree from a community college. Such a person
13 can only teach at the secondary level in the field or subject
14 area for which the degree was issued. A person holding a
15 master's degree must successfully complete a six-week approved
16 nontraditional practitioner preparation instruction program;
17 while a person with a bachelor's degree, associate degree,
18 certificate, or diploma must complete a 12-week program. A
19 skilled technician must also meet or exceed the requirements
20 for an unconditional license or endorsement within two years.

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