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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act to include school nurses, school social workers,  
2 counselors, and media specialists in the student achievement  
3 and teacher quality program and eliminate a program  
4 requirement for an educational license.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 284.2, subsections 1, 2, 3, and 12,  
2 Code 2005, are amended to read as follows:

3 1. "Beginning teacher" means an individual serving under  
4 an initial license, issued by the board of educational  
5 examiners under chapter 272, who is assuming a position as a  
6 classroom teacher. For purposes of the beginning teacher  
7 mentoring and induction program created pursuant to section  
8 284.5, "beginning teacher" also includes preschool teachers,  
9 school nurses, school social workers, counselors, and media  
10 specialists who are licensed by the board of educational  
11 examiners under chapter 272 or hold a letter of authorization  
12 or statement of professional recognition issued by the board  
13 of educational examiners, and who are employed-by serving a  
14 probationary period of employment with a school district or  
15 area education agency.

16 2. "Classroom teacher" means an individual who holds a  
17 valid practitioner's license and who is employed under a  
18 contract issued by a board of directors under section 279.13  
19 to provide classroom instruction to students, or as a  
20 preschool teacher. "Classroom teacher" also includes school  
21 nurses, school social workers, counselors, and media  
22 specialists who are licensed by the board of educational  
23 examiners under chapter 272 or hold a letter of authorization  
24 or statement of professional recognition issued by the board  
25 of educational examiners, and who are employed by a school  
26 district or area education agency.

27 3. "Comprehensive evaluation" means a summative evaluation  
28 of a beginning teacher conducted by an evaluator for purposes  
29 of determining a beginning teacher's level of competency, ~~for~~  
30 ~~recommendation-for-licensure~~ based upon the Iowa teaching  
31 standards, and to determine whether the teacher's practice  
32 meets the school district expectations for a career teacher.

33 12. "Teacher" means an individual holding a practitioner's  
34 license issued under chapter 272, who is employed in a  
35 nonadministrative position as a teacher, librarian, media

1 specialist, preschool teacher, school nurse, school social  
2 worker, or counselor by a school district or area education  
3 agency pursuant to a contract issued by a board of directors  
4 under section 279.13. A teacher may be employed in both an  
5 administrative and a nonadministrative position by a board of  
6 directors and shall be considered a part-time teacher for the  
7 portion of time that the teacher is employed in a  
8 nonadministrative position. "Teacher" includes a licensed  
9 individual employed on a less than full-time basis by a school  
10 district through a contract between the school district and an  
11 institution of higher education with a practitioner  
12 preparation program in which the licensed teacher is enrolled.

13 Sec. 2. Section 284.5, subsection 8, Code 2005, is amended  
14 to read as follows:

15 8. If the general assembly appropriates moneys for  
16 purposes of this section, a school district or area education  
17 agency is eligible to receive state assistance for up to two  
18 years under this section for each teacher the school district  
19 or area education agency employs who was formerly employed in  
20 an accredited nonpublic school or in another state as a first-  
21 year teacher. The school district or area education agency  
22 employing the teacher shall determine the conditions and  
23 requirements of a teacher participating in a program in  
24 accordance with this subsection. ~~The school district or area~~  
25 ~~education agency that employs the teacher shall recommend the~~  
26 ~~teacher for an educational license if the teacher, through a~~  
27 ~~comprehensive evaluation, is determined to demonstrate~~  
28 ~~competence in the Iowa teaching standards.~~

29 Sec. 3. Section 284.13, Code 2005, is amended by adding  
30 the following new subsection:

31 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. For each fiscal year in which moneys  
32 are appropriated by the general assembly for purposes of this  
33 chapter, each school district and area education agency shall,  
34 by July 1 annually, report to the department of education the  
35 number of preschool teachers, librarians, media specialists,

1 school nurses, school social workers, and counselors who were  
2 employed by the school district or area education agency on  
3 the third Friday of September of the previous fiscal year.

4 Sec. 4. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance  
5 with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring  
6 compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall  
7 be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid  
8 received by the school district under section 257.16. This  
9 specification of the payment of the state cost shall be deemed  
10 to meet all the state funding-related requirements of section  
11 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional state funding shall be  
12 necessary for the full implementation of this Act by and  
13 enforcement of this Act against all affected school districts.

14 EXPLANATION

15 This bill includes school nurses, school social workers,  
16 counselors, and media specialists in the student achievement  
17 and teacher quality program and eliminates provisions that  
18 base licensure beyond the initial license as a beginning  
19 teacher on the recommendations of a school district or area  
20 education agency.

21 The program currently includes preschool teachers in the  
22 beginning teacher mentoring and induction program, and defines  
23 "teacher" to include librarians, media specialists, preschool  
24 teachers, and counselors. The bill adds school nurses, media  
25 specialists, school social workers, and counselors to the  
26 beginning teacher mentoring and induction program. The bill  
27 also adds school nurses and school social workers to the  
28 definition of "teacher".

29 The effect of these changes is that school districts and  
30 area education agencies (AEAs) are required to include school  
31 nurses, media specialists, school social workers, and  
32 counselors in beginning teacher mentoring and induction  
33 programs and to permit school districts and AEAs to receive  
34 state assistance under the program for including school  
35 nurses, media specialists, school social workers, and

1 counselors in the two-year sequence of mentoring and induction  
2 activities. By adding school nurses and school social workers  
3 to the definition of "teacher", those individuals will  
4 participate in the standards, performance reviews, career  
5 development planning, and career path compensation provided  
6 for under the program.

7 By July 1 annually, each school district and AEA must  
8 report to the department the number of preschool teachers,  
9 school nurses, school social workers, media specialists, and  
10 counselors employed by the district or AEA on the third Friday  
11 of September of the previous school year.

12 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code  
13 section 25B.3. The bill requires that the state cost of any  
14 state mandate included in the bill be paid by a school  
15 district from state school foundation aid received by the  
16 school district under Code section 257.16. The specification  
17 is deemed to constitute state compliance with any state  
18 mandate funding-related requirements of Code section 25B.2.  
19 The inclusion of this specification is intended to reinstate  
20 the requirement of political subdivisions to comply with any  
21 state mandates included in the bill.

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