

**SENATE**  
**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
**NINETIETH SESSION**

**S.F. No. 1338**

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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
02/23/2017	758	Introduction and first reading Referred to E-12 Policy
03/06/2017	1021	Comm report: To pass and re-referred to State Government Finance and Policy and Elections
03/07/2017	1137a	Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to E-12 Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
 1.2 relating to education; special education teacher licensing; amending Minnesota  
 1.3 Rules, part 8710.5050, subpart 4; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota  
 1.4 Statutes, chapter 122A.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **[122A.34] ACADEMIC AND BEHAVIORAL STRATEGIST.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Initial license.** The Board of Teaching must issue an academic and  
 1.8 behavioral strategist license to special education teachers that meet the requirements  
 1.9 established by board rule. A teacher holding the academic and behavioral strategist license  
 1.10 is authorized to provide evaluation and specially designed instruction to eligible children  
 1.11 and youth with disabilities from kindergarten through age 21 who have a range of mild to  
 1.12 moderate needs in the areas of academics, behavior, social, emotional, communication, and  
 1.13 functional performance.

1.14 Subd. 2. **Renewal.** The academic and behavioral strategist license must be issued for a  
 1.15 term of five years, consistent with section 122A.18, subdivision 2, paragraph (c). The  
 1.16 academic and behavioral strategist license must be renewable in accordance with section  
 1.17 122A.18, subdivision 4, and any rules of the board applicable to other professional five-year  
 1.18 teaching licenses.

1.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

1.20 Sec. 2. Minnesota Rule, part 8710.5050, subpart 4, is amended to read:

1.21 Subp. 4. **Continuing licensure.** A continuing license shall be issued and renewed  
 1.22 according to rules of the Board of Teaching governing continuing licenses ~~and upon~~

2.1 ~~demonstration of holding or being recommended for licensure in one of the following~~  
2.2 ~~licensure fields: autism spectrum disorders, developmental disabilities, emotional or~~  
2.3 ~~behavioral disorders, or learning disorders.~~

2.4 Sec. 3. **CURRENT ACADEMIC AND BEHAVIORAL STRATEGIST LICENSES.**

2.5 A candidate that holds a valid academic and behavioral strategist license issued under  
2.6 Minnesota Rules, part 8710.5050, at the time Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.34, is enacted  
2.7 may apply for renewal of the academic and behavioral strategist license under Minnesota  
2.8 Statutes, section 122A.34, subdivision 2.

2.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.