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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

H. F. No. **94**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; establishing a short-call substitute teacher pilot program;
1.3 requiring a report.

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

1.5 Section 1. **SHORT-CALL SUBSTITUTE TEACHER PILOT PROGRAM.**

1.6 (a) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board must approve a request
1.7 from a school district or charter school to issue a short-call substitute teacher license to a
1.8 candidate if the district or charter school submits an application affirming evidence that:

1.9 (1) the candidate has the necessary skills and knowledge to work as a short-call substitute
1.10 teacher;

1.11 (2) the candidate has an associate's degree, a professional certification, or five years of
1.12 relevant work experience;

1.13 (3) the district or charter school has consulted with the exclusive representative, if any,
1.14 of teachers in the district or charter school regarding the issuance of a short-call substitute
1.15 teacher license under this section;

1.16 (4) the district or charter school has conducted a criminal background check on the
1.17 candidate under Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.03; and

1.18 (5) in the previous school year, the district or charter school was unable to hire enough
1.19 licensed short-call substitute teachers.

1.20 (b) The board must approve the application within 30 days. The board may revoke a
1.21 license issued under this section upon finding that a candidate did not meet one or more

2.1 requirements in paragraph (a), or based on the results of a background check under Minnesota
2.2 Statutes, section 122A.18, subdivision 8.

2.3 (c) A short-call substitute teacher license issued under this section is limited to the district
2.4 or charter school that requested the license.

2.5 (d) A short-call substitute teacher license issued under this section has a term of two
2.6 years and is not renewable unless the candidate meets the requirements of Minnesota Rules,
2.7 part 8710.0325.

2.8 (e) The board must report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative
2.9 committees having jurisdiction over education policy on the number of districts that requested
2.10 short-call substitute teacher licenses under this section, the number of candidates who
2.11 received licenses, the number of licenses revoked, and recommendations for rule or statutory
2.12 changes to address the shortage of licensed short-call substitute teachers. The board must
2.13 submit the report by January 10, 2023, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 3.195.

2.14 (f) The board's authority to issue licenses under this section expires June 30, 2023.

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