

A bill for an act

relating to education; allowing qualified individuals receiving a retirement annuity to serve as a coach during a sports season; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 122A.18, subdivision 3.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 122A.18, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Supervisory and coach qualifications; code of ethics.** (a) The commissioner of education must issue licenses under its jurisdiction to persons the commissioner finds to be qualified and competent for their respective positions under the rules it adopts. The commissioner of education may develop, by rule, a code of ethics for supervisory personnel covering standards of professional practices, including areas of ethical conduct and professional performance and methods of enforcement.

(b) Notwithstanding section 122A.15 or any other law to the contrary, the commissioner may allow a person who receives a retirement annuity from a retirement association listed in subdivision 7a, paragraph (b), clause (1), and (i) who was a qualified teacher under section 122A.16 and coach while holding a continuing five-year teaching license issued by the Board of Teaching, or (ii) who served successfully as a head varsity coach or other school coach after meeting the qualifications under section 122A.33, subdivision 1, clauses (1) to (3), to be employed by a school district as a coach during a sports season. The annuity reduction provisions of section 354.44, subdivision 5, and 354A.31, subdivision 3, do not apply. A person serving as a coach under this paragraph is not required to complete additional education or instruction.

- 2.1 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for the 2011-2012 school year and
- 2.2 later.