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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 1956

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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; providing for short-call substitute teacher licensing provisions
1.3 for rural Minnesota; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 122A.18, by
1.4 adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 122A.18, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 7d. Short-call substitute teacher licensing provisions; outside seven-county
1.9 metropolitan area. (a) A short-call substitute teacher licensure candidate may apply to the
1.10 Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board for a short-call substitute teaching
1.11 license to teach in any content area with a teacher vacancy that a school district or charter
1.12 school determines is appropriate. The board must issue a license to a candidate that
1.13 successfully demonstrates that they meet the qualification for the license. The application
1.14 information must sufficiently demonstrate that the applicant:

1.15 (1) meets the professional requirements for a Tier 1 license under section 122A.181,
1.16 subdivision 2, paragraph (a) or (b);

1.17 (2) is enrolled in a state-approved teacher preparation program and has successfully
1.18 completed student teaching; or

1.19 (3) has been employed as an education support personnel or paraprofessional within a
1.20 district or charter school for at least one academic year.

2.1 (b) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board must not issue a teaching
2.2 license until a background check under subdivision 8 is completed. The board may deny
2.3 the license upon receiving background check information.

2.4 (c) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board may require an applicant
2.5 to provide a college transcript, where applicable, and the applicant has 60 days to provide
2.6 the transcript. The board must issue a temporary teaching license pending the college
2.7 transcript, where applicable, and must suspend or revoke the license immediately if the
2.8 transcript is not provided after 60 days.

2.9 (d) Each assignment to replace a teacher of record must last no longer than 20 consecutive
2.10 school days.

2.11 (e) A school district or charter school must report any complaints against a short-call
2.12 substitute teacher licensed under this section to the Professional Educator Licensing and
2.13 Standards Board.

2.14 (f) Only a school district or charter school whose administrative offices are located
2.15 outside the seven-county metropolitan area may employ a short-call substitute teacher
2.16 licensed according to this subdivision. All other school districts and charter schools must
2.17 hire substitute teachers licensed according to subdivision 7a.

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