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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **3074**

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

A bill for an act

relating to education; modifying certain teacher licensure provisions; amending
Minnesota Statutes 2013 Supplement, section 122A.23, subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2013 Supplement, section 122A.23, subdivision 2,
is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Applicants licensed in other states.** (a) Subject to the requirements of
sections 122A.18, subdivision 8, and 123B.03, the Board of Teaching must issue a teaching
license or a temporary teaching license under paragraphs (b) to (e) to an applicant who holds
at least a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university and holds
or held a similar out-of-state teaching license that requires the applicant to successfully
complete a teacher preparation program approved by the issuing state, which includes
field-specific teaching methods and student teaching or essentially equivalent experience.

(b) The Board of Teaching must issue a teaching license to an applicant who:

(1) successfully completed all exams and human relations preparation components
required by the Board of Teaching; and

(2) holds or held an out-of-state teaching license to teach the same content field and
grade levels if the scope of the out-of-state license is no more than ~~one~~ two grade level
levels less than a similar Minnesota license.

(c) The Board of Teaching, consistent with board rules and paragraph (h), must
issue up to three one-year temporary teaching licenses to an applicant who holds or held
an out-of-state teaching license to teach the same content field and grade levels, where
the scope of the out-of-state license is no more than ~~one~~ two grade level levels less than

a similar Minnesota license, but has not successfully completed all exams and human relations preparation components required by the Board of Teaching.

(d) The Board of Teaching, consistent with board rules, must issue up to three one-year temporary teaching licenses to an applicant who:

(1) successfully completed all exams and human relations preparation components required by the Board of Teaching; and

(2) holds or held an out-of-state teaching license to teach the same content field and grade levels, where the scope of the out-of-state license is no more than ~~one~~ two grade ~~level~~ levels less than a similar Minnesota license, but has not completed field-specific teaching methods or student teaching or equivalent experience.

The applicant may complete field-specific teaching methods and student teaching or equivalent experience by successfully participating in a one-year school district mentorship program consistent with board-adopted standards of effective practice and Minnesota graduation requirements.

(e) The Board of Teaching must issue a temporary teaching license for a term of up to three years only in the content field or grade levels specified in the out-of-state license to an applicant who:

(1) successfully completed all exams and human relations preparation components required by the Board of Teaching; and

(2) holds or held an out-of-state teaching license where the out-of-state license is more limited in the content field or grade levels than a similar Minnesota license.

(f) The Board of Teaching must not issue to an applicant more than three one-year temporary teaching licenses under this subdivision.

(g) The Board of Teaching must not issue a license under this subdivision if the applicant has not attained the additional degrees, credentials, or licenses required in a particular licensure field.

(h) The Board of Teaching must require an applicant for a teaching license or a temporary teaching license under this subdivision to pass a skills examination in reading, writing, and mathematics before the board issues the license. Consistent with section 122A.18, subdivision 2, paragraph (b), and notwithstanding other provisions of this subdivision, the board may issue up to two additional temporary, one-year teaching licenses to an otherwise qualified applicant who has not yet passed the skills exam.