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H. F. No. **4257**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Policy
03/12/2020 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Government Operations

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to education; amending teacher license renewal requirements to include
- 1.3 mental illness training; requiring rulemaking; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018,
- 1.4 sections 122A.181, subdivision 3; 122A.182, subdivision 3; 122A.187, subdivision
- 1.5 6.
- 1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.181, subdivision 3, is amended to read:
- 1.8 Subd. 3. **Term of license and renewal.** (a) The Professional Educator Licensing and
- 1.9 Standards Board must issue an initial Tier 1 license for a term of one year. A Tier 1 license
- 1.10 may be renewed subject to paragraphs (b) and (c). The board may submit written comments
- 1.11 to the district or charter school that requested the renewal regarding the candidate.
- 1.12 (b) The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board must renew a Tier 1
- 1.13 license if:
- 1.14 (1) the district or charter school requesting the renewal demonstrates that it has posted
- 1.15 the teacher position but was unable to hire an acceptable teacher with a Tier 2, 3, or 4 license
- 1.16 for the position;
- 1.17 (2) the teacher holding the Tier 1 license took a content examination in accordance with
- 1.18 section 122A.185 and submitted the examination results to the teacher's employing district
- 1.19 or charter school within one year of the board approving the request for the initial Tier 1
- 1.20 license; ~~and~~
- 1.21 (3) the teacher holding the Tier 1 license participated in cultural competency training
- 1.22 consistent with section 120B.30, subdivision 1, paragraph (q), within one year of the board
- 1.23 approving the request for the initial Tier 1 license; and

2.1 (4) the teacher holding the Tier 1 license met the mental illness training renewal
2.2 requirement under section 122A.187, subdivision 6.

2.3 The requirement in clause (2) does not apply to a teacher that teaches a class in a career and
2.4 technical education or career pathways course of study.

2.5 (c) A Tier 1 license must not be renewed more than three times, unless the requesting
2.6 district or charter school can show good cause for additional renewals. A Tier 1 license
2.7 issued to teach (1) a class or course in a career and technical education or career pathway
2.8 course of study or (2) in a shortage area, as defined in section 122A.06, subdivision 6, may
2.9 be renewed without limitation.

2.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for licenses issued on or after July 1,
2.11 2020.

2.12 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.182, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

2.13 Subd. 3. **Term of license and renewal.** The Professional Educator Licensing and
2.14 Standards Board must issue an initial Tier 2 license for a term of two years. A Tier 2 license
2.15 may be renewed three times. Before a Tier 2 license is renewed for the first time, a teacher
2.16 holding a Tier 2 license must participate in cultural competency training consistent with
2.17 section 120B.30, subdivision 1, paragraph (q), and mental illness training under section
2.18 122A.187, subdivision 6. The board must issue rules setting forth the conditions for additional
2.19 renewals after the initial license has been renewed three times.

2.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for licenses issued on or after July 1,
2.21 2020.

2.22 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.187, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

2.23 Subd. 6. **Mental illness.** The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board must
2.24 adopt rules that require all licensed teachers renewing a ~~Tier 3 or Tier 4~~ teaching license
2.25 under sections ~~122A.183 and 122A.181~~ to 122A.184, ~~respectively~~, to include in the renewal
2.26 requirements at least one hour of suicide prevention best practices training in each licensure
2.27 renewal period based on nationally recognized evidence-based programs and practices,
2.28 among the continuing education credits required to renew a license under this subdivision;
2.29 ~~and further preparation, first, in.~~ Initial training must include understanding the key warning
2.30 signs of early-onset mental illness in children and adolescents, ~~and then,~~ during subsequent
2.31 licensure renewal periods, ~~preparation may~~ training must include ~~providing~~ a more in-depth
2.32 understanding of students' mental illness trauma, accommodations for students' mental

- 3.1 illness, parents' roles in addressing students' mental illness, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders,
- 3.2 autism, the requirements of section 125A.0942 governing restrictive procedures, and
- 3.3 de-escalation methods, among other similar topics. The board must adopt rules setting forth
- 3.4 standards for mental illness training that meet the requirements of this subdivision.
- 3.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.