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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **247**

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; providing for interstate reciprocity agreements for teacher
1.3 licensure; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.23, by adding a
1.4 subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.23, is amended by adding a
1.7 subdivision to read:

1.8 Subd. 3. Interstate reciprocity agreement for teacher licensure. Notwithstanding
1.9 other law to the contrary, the Board of Teaching must enter into National Association of
1.10 State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) interstate agreements
1.11 for teacher licensure to allow fully certified teachers from other states, identified by the
1.12 board, to transfer their certification to Minnesota and receive a full, five-year continuing
1.13 teaching license without having to complete any additional exams or other preparation
1.14 requirements. The board must enter into an interstate agreement only after determining
1.15 that the rigor of the teacher licensure or certification requirements in the other state are
1.16 commensurate with the rigor of Minnesota's teacher licensure requirements. The board
1.17 may limit an interstate agreement to particular content fields or grade levels based on
1.18 established priorities or identified shortages. A school board may hire a teacher subject to
1.19 an interstate agreement only if the board first advertises the teaching position according to
1.20 board hiring practices and no qualified candidate applies for the position. This subdivision
1.21 does not apply to out-of-state applicants holding only a provisional teaching license.

1.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2015.