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03/01/2021	606	Introduction and first reading Referred to Education Finance and Policy

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A bill for an act

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relating to education; establishing a teacher licensure requirement for early

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education programs; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter

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122A.

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

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Section 1. [122A.261] PREKINDERGARTEN, SCHOOL READINESS,

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PRESCHOOL, AND EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAMS; LICENSURE

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REQUIREMENT.

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Subdivision 1. Licensure requirement. A school district or charter school must employ

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a qualified teacher, as defined in section 122A.16, to provide instruction in a preschool,

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school readiness, school readiness plus, prekindergarten, or other school district or charter

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school-based early education program.

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Subd. 2. Exemptions. A person employed by a school district or charter school as a

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teacher in an early education program during the 2020-2021 school year who does not have

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a Minnesota teaching license is exempt from the licensure requirement until July 1, 2026,

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or until such time as the teacher is able to obtain a Minnesota teaching license, whichever

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occurs first. Notwithstanding this exemption from the licensure requirement, these individuals

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are teachers under section 179A.03, subdivision 18.