

HOUSE BILL No. 1274

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-20-42.3-2; IC 20-28-5.

Synopsis: Teacher licensure. Requires the department of education to grant an initial practitioner license to an individual who: (1) holds at least a bachelor's degree or the equivalent from a postsecondary educational institution; (2) submits fingerprints and any required fees for a national criminal history background check and has not been convicted of certain crimes; and (3) successfully completes the American Board alternative teacher certification program. Provides that an individual who receives an initial practitioner license by meeting these conditions: (1) is authorized to teach the subject matter and grade levels for which the individual has successfully completed the American Board alternative teacher certification program; and (2) is eligible to receive a practitioner license after teaching for at least three years under the initial practitioner license. Provides that an individual who holds an initial practitioner license under these conditions is a "new teacher" for purposes of the Indiana new educator induction pilot program.

Effective: July 1, 2019.

Wesco

January 10, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.



First Regular Session of the 121st General Assembly (2019)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2018 Regular and Special Session of the General Assembly.

HOUSE BILL No. 1274

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-20-42.3-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.155-2017,
2 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "new teacher" refers to
4 a teacher with an initial practitioner license under IC 20-28-5-12 **or**
5 **IC 20-28-5-12.5.**

6 SECTION 2. IC 20-28-5-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.106-2016,
7 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
8 JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 12. (a) Subsection (b) does not apply to an
9 individual who:

10 (1) held an Indiana limited, reciprocal, or standard teaching
11 license on June 30, 1985; or

12 (2) is granted a license under section 18 of this chapter.

13 (b) **Except as provided under section 12.5 of this chapter**, the
14 department may not grant an initial practitioner license to an individual
15 unless the individual has demonstrated proficiency in the following
16 areas on a written examination or through other procedures prescribed
17 by the department:



- 1 (1) Basic reading, writing, and mathematics.
 2 (2) Pedagogy.
 3 (3) Knowledge of the areas in which the individual is required to
 4 have a license to teach.
 5 (4) If the individual is seeking to be licensed as an elementary
 6 school teacher, comprehensive scientifically based reading
 7 instruction skills, including:
 8 (A) phonemic awareness;
 9 (B) phonics instruction;
 10 (C) fluency;
 11 (D) vocabulary; and
 12 (E) comprehension.
- 13 (c) An individual's license examination score may not be disclosed
 14 by the department without the individual's consent unless specifically
 15 required by state or federal statute or court order.
- 16 (d) The state board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to do the
 17 following:
 18 (1) Adopt, validate, and implement the examination or other
 19 procedures required by subsection (b).
 20 (2) Establish examination scores indicating proficiency.
 21 (3) Otherwise carry out the purposes of this section.
- 22 (e) Subject to section 18 of this chapter, the state board shall adopt
 23 rules under IC 4-22-2 establishing the conditions under which the
 24 requirements of this section may be waived for an individual holding
 25 a valid teacher's license issued by another state.
- 26 SECTION 3. IC 20-28-5-12.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 27 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 28 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: **Sec. 12.5. (a) As used in this section,**
 29 **"American Board" refers to the American Board that:**
 30 **(1) was formerly known as the American Board for**
 31 **Certification of Teacher Excellence;**
 32 **(2) is a nonprofit organization that is exempt from federal**
 33 **income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal**
 34 **Revenue Code; and**
 35 **(3) provides an alternative teacher certification program.**
 36 **(b) The department shall grant an initial practitioner license to**
 37 **an individual who satisfies the following:**
 38 **(1) The individual holds at least a bachelor's degree or the**
 39 **equivalent from a postsecondary educational institution.**
 40 **(2) The individual:**
 41 **(A) submits fingerprints and any required fees for a**
 42 **national criminal history background check (as defined in**



- 1 **IC 10-13-3-12); and**
2 **(B) has not been convicted of a crime listed in section 8(c)**
3 **of this chapter.**
4 **(3) The individual submits an application for the license with**
5 **the department.**
6 **(4) The individual successfully completes the American Board**
7 **alternative teacher certification program.**
8 **(c) An individual who receives an initial practitioner license**
9 **under this section:**
10 **(1) is authorized to teach the subject matter and grade levels**
11 **for which the individual has successfully completed the**
12 **program described in subsection (b)(4); and**
13 **(2) is eligible to receive a practitioner license after teaching**
14 **for at least three (3) years under an initial practitioner license**
15 **granted under this section.**
16 **(d) After receiving an initial practitioner license under this**
17 **section, an individual who seeks to renew an initial practitioner**
18 **license must meet the same requirements for license renewal as**
19 **other candidates renewing an initial practitioner license.**
20 **(e) Except as otherwise provided in this section, an individual**
21 **who holds an initial practitioner license under this section shall be**
22 **treated as if the individual holds an initial practitioner license**
23 **under section 12 of this chapter.**
24 **(f) The state board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to**
25 **administer this section. Rules adopted under this section may not**
26 **impose qualification requirements that are in addition to the**
27 **requirements set forth in this section.**

