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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETIETH SESSION

H. F. No. 494

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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; special education teacher licensing; proposing coding for
1.3 new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 122A.

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

1.5 Section 1. 122A.34] ACADEMIC AND BEHAVIORAL STRATEGIST.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Initial license. The Board of Teaching must issue an academic and
1.7 behavioral strategist license to special education teachers that meet the requirements
1.8 established by board rule. A teacher holding the academic and behavioral strategist license
1.9 is authorized to provide evaluation and specially designed instruction to eligible children
1.10 and youth with disabilities from kindergarten through age 21 who have a range of mild to
1.11 moderate needs in the areas of academics, behavior, social, emotional, communication, and
1.12 functional performance.

1.13 Subd. 2. Renewal. The academic and behavioral strategist license must be issued for a
1.14 term of five years, consistent with section 122A.18, subdivision 2, paragraph (c). The
1.15 academic and behavioral strategist license must be renewable in accordance with section
1.16 122A.18, subdivision 4, and any rules of the board applicable to other professional five-year
1.17 teaching licenses.

1.18 Subd. 3. Rules. For purposes of this section, the board may use the expedited rulemaking
1.19 process under section 14.389.

1.20 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.1 Sec. 2. **CURRENT ACADEMIC AND BEHAVIORAL STRATEGIST LICENSES.**

2.2 A candidate that holds a valid academic and behavioral strategist license issued under  
2.3 Minnesota Rules, part 8710.5050, at the time Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.34, is enacted  
2.4 may apply for renewal of the academic and behavioral strategist license under Minnesota  
2.5 Statutes, section 122A.34, subdivision 2.

2.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.