

HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL 529

52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015

AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION; PROVIDING FOR AN ALTERNATIVE
LEVEL THREE-B LICENSURE TRACK FOR SCHOOL COUNSELORS, SCHOOL
SOCIAL WORKERS, SCHOOL NURSES, SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS,
PSYCHOLOGISTS, PHYSICAL THERAPISTS, PHYSICAL THERAPY
ASSISTANTS, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
ASSISTANTS, RECREATIONAL THERAPISTS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
THERAPISTS, INTERPRETERS FOR THE DEAF AND DIAGNOSTICIANS;
REMOVING THE NON-ALTERNATIVE LEVEL THREE-B LICENSURE PROVISIONS
FOR COUNSELORS FROM SECTION 22-10A-11 NMSA 1978 (BEING LAWS
2003, CHAPTER 153, SECTION 42, AS AMENDED).

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. A new section of the School Personnel Act is
enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] ALTERNATIVE LEVEL THREE-B LICENSURE

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1 TRACK.--

2 A. An alternative level three-B license is a nine-
3 year license granted to a school administrator who meets the
4 qualifications for that level. Licenses may be renewed upon
5 satisfactory annual demonstration of instructional leader and
6 administrative competency.

7 B. The department shall grant an alternative level
8 three-B license to an applicant who is a school counselor,
9 school social worker, school nurse, speech-language
10 pathologist, psychologist, physical therapist, physical therapy
11 assistant, occupational therapist, occupational therapy
12 assistant, recreational therapist, marriage and family
13 therapist, interpreter for the deaf or diagnostician and:

14 (1) holds a post-baccalaureate degree;

15 (2) has satisfactorily completed department-
16 approved courses in administration and a department-approved
17 administration apprenticeship program; and

18 (3) demonstrates instructional leader
19 competence required by the department and verified by the local
20 superintendent through the highly objective uniform statewide
21 standard of evaluation."

22 SECTION 2. Section 22-10A-11 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2003,
23 Chapter 153, Section 42, as amended) is amended to read:

24 "22-10A-11. LEVEL THREE LICENSURE--TRACKS FOR TEACHERS
25 [~~COUNSELORS~~] AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS.--

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1 A. A level three-A license is a nine-year license
2 granted to a teacher who meets the qualifications for that
3 level and who annually demonstrates instructional leader
4 competencies. If a level three-A teacher does not demonstrate
5 essential competency in a given school year, the school
6 district shall provide the teacher with additional professional
7 development and peer intervention during the following school
8 year. If by the end of that school year the teacher fails to
9 demonstrate essential competency, a school district may choose
10 not to contract with the teacher to teach in the classroom.

11 B. The department shall grant a level three-A
12 license to an applicant who has been a level two teacher for at
13 least three years and holds a post-baccalaureate degree or
14 national board for professional teaching standards
15 certification; demonstrates instructional leader competence as
16 required by the department and verified by the local
17 superintendent through the highly objective uniform statewide
18 standard of evaluation; and meets other qualifications for the
19 license.

20 C. With the adoption by the department of a highly
21 objective uniform statewide standard of evaluation for level
22 three-A teachers, the minimum salary for a level three-A
23 teacher for a standard nine and one-half month contract shall
24 be as follows:

25 (1) for the 2003-2004 school year, thirty

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1 thousand dollars (\$30,000);

2 (2) for the 2004-2005 school year, thirty-five
3 thousand dollars (\$35,000);

4 (3) for the 2005-2006 school year, forty
5 thousand dollars (\$40,000);

6 (4) for the 2006-2007 school year, forty-five
7 thousand dollars (\$45,000); and

8 (5) for the 2007-2008 school year, fifty
9 thousand dollars (\$50,000).

10 D. A level three-B license is a nine-year license
11 granted to a school administrator who meets the qualifications
12 for that level. Licenses may be renewed upon satisfactory
13 annual demonstration of instructional leader and administrative
14 competency.

15 E. The department shall grant a level three-B
16 license to an applicant who:

17 (1) holds [~~a level two license and~~] or meets
18 the requirements for a level three-A license [~~or who holds a~~
19 ~~current level two teacher's license and, for at least four~~
20 ~~years, has held the highest-ranked counselor license as~~
21 ~~provided in Chapter 22, Article 10A NMSA 1978 and rules~~
22 ~~promulgated by the department];~~

23 (2) holds a post-baccalaureate degree or
24 national board for professional teaching standards
25 certification;

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1 (3) has satisfactorily completed department-
2 approved courses in administration and a department-approved
3 administration apprenticeship program; and

4 (4) demonstrates instructional leader
5 competence required by the department and verified by the local
6 superintendent through the highly objective uniform statewide
7 standard of evaluation.

8 F. Beginning with the 2007-2008 school year, the
9 minimum annual salary for a level three-B school principal or
10 assistant school principal shall be fifty thousand dollars
11 (\$50,000) multiplied by the applicable responsibility factor.

12 G. By the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year,
13 the department shall adopt a highly objective uniform statewide
14 standard of evaluation, which includes data sources linked to
15 student achievement and educational plan for student success
16 progress, for level three-B school principals and assistant
17 school principals and rules for the implementation of that
18 evaluation system linked to the level of responsibility at each
19 school level."