



DIGEST OF SB 205 (Updated April 12, 2021 7:44 pm - DI 116)

Citations Affected: IC 20-28.

Synopsis: Teacher training. Requires the department of education (department) to provide an initial practitioner license to an individual that competes an alternative teacher certification program. Requires the individual to complete a one year clinical experience program. Provides that the individual may not teach a special education course or be a teacher of record for a special education student. Provides that a school corporation, charter school, or state accredited nonpublic school shall submit a plan to the department if the school corporation, charter school, or state accredited nonpublic school hires one or more individuals who have received an initial practitioner license. Requires a teacher preparation program to include curriculum that instructs teachers about social emotional learning practices that are helpful in supporting students who have experienced trauma. Mandates that a teacher preparation program consider training teachers on evidence based social emotional learning practices that are consistent with the state's social emotional learning competencies established by the department of education. Makes conforming changes.

Effective: July 1, 2021.

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January 7, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.
February 18, 2021, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.
February 22, 2021, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.
February 23, 2021, engrossed. Read third time, passed. Yeas 28, nays 20.

HOUSE ACTION
March 4, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.
April 8, 2021, amended, reported — Do Pass.
April 12, 2021, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.



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ENGROSSED SENATE BILL No. 205

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

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

I	SECTION 1. IC 20-28-5-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.156-2020
2	SECTION 77, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3	JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 12. (a) Subsection (b) does not apply to an
4	individual who:
5	(1) held an Indiana limited, reciprocal, or standard teaching
6	license on June 30, 1985; or
7	(2) is granted a license under section section 12.5 or 18 of this
8	chapter.
9	(b) Except as provided in section 12.5 of this chapter, the
0	department may not grant an initial practitioner license to an individual
1	unless the individual has demonstrated proficiency in the following
2	areas on a written examination or through other procedures prescribed
3	by the department:
4	(1) Pedagogy.
5	(2) Knowledge of the areas in which the individual is required to
6	have a license to teach.



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1	(3) If the individual is seeking to be licensed as an elementary
2	school teacher, comprehensive scientifically based reading
3	instruction skills, including:
4	(A) phonemic awareness;
5	(B) phonics instruction;
6	(C) fluency;
7	(D) vocabulary; and
8	(E) comprehension.
9	(c) An individual's license examination score may not be disclosed
10	by the department without the individual's consent unless specifically
11	required by state or federal statute or court order.
12	(d) Subject to section 22 of this chapter, the state board shall adopt
13	rules under IC 4-22-2 to do the following:
14	(1) Adopt, validate, and implement the examination or other
15	procedures required by subsection (b).
16	(2) Establish examination scores indicating proficiency.
17	(3) Otherwise carry out the purposes of this section.
18	(e) Subject to section 18 of this chapter, the state board shall adopt
19	rules under IC 4-22-2 establishing the conditions under which the
20	requirements of this section may be waived for an individual holding
21	a valid teacher's license issued by another state.
22	SECTION 2. IC 20-28-5-12.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
23	CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
23 24 25 26	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 12.5. (a) The department shall
25	grant an initial practitioner license to an individual who:
26	(1) is at least twenty-six (26) years of age;
27	(2) possesses a bachelor's degree from an accredited
28	postsecondary four (4) year institution;
29	(3) successfully completes an alternative teacher certification
30	program that includes:
31	(A) the required content training in the area in which the
32	individual seeks to be licensed;
33	(B) pedagogy training and an examination that is in
34	substantive alignment with nationally recognized
35	pedagogical standards and teaches effective:
36	(i) instructional delivery;
37	(ii) classroom management and organization;
38	(iii) assessment;
39	(iv) instructional design; and
40	(v) professional learning and leadership;
41	(C) successful demonstration of content area proficiency in
42	an examination that includes content area material in



1	substantive alignment with nationally recognized content
2	area standards in the areas that the individual is required
3	to have a license to teach;
4	(D) verification from a third party that regularly reviews
5	educational and professional examinations that the
6	alternative certification examination is equal to or greater
7	in rigor than the written examination under section 12 of
8	this chapter; and
9	(E) content within the curriculum that prepares teacher
10	candidates to use evidence based trauma informed
11	classroom instruction, including instruction in evidence
12	based social emotional learning classroom practices that
13	are conducive to supporting students who have
14	experienced trauma that may interfere with a student's
15	academic functioning;
16	(4) successfully completes a Praxis Subject Assessment;
17	(5) holds a valid cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification
18	from a provider approved by the department; and
19	(6) has attended youth suicide awareness and prevention
20	training.
21	(b) The individual must complete a one (1) year clinical
22	experience program during the individual's first year in the
23	classroom when the individual is employed as a full-time teacher.
24	The provider must:
25	(1) provide the clinical experience program at no cost to the
26	state or to the school corporation, charter school, or state
27	accredited nonpublic school; and
28	(2) as part of the clinical instruction program, provide
29	instruction in:
30	(A) instructional design and planning;
31	(B) effective instructional delivery;
32	(C) classroom management and organization;
33	(D) effective use of assessment data;
34	(E) content in federal and Indiana special education laws;
35	and
36	(F) required awareness, preparation, and understanding
37	of:
38	(i) individualized education programs;
39	(ii) service plans developed under 511 IAC 7-34;
40	(iii) choice special education plans developed under 511
41	IAC 7-49; and
42	(iv) plans developed under Section 504 of the federal



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1	Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. 794.
2	(c) An in-state alternative teacher certification program under
3	subsection (a)(3) must operate in accordance with the procedures
4	and program approval standards and requirements set by the
5	department and the state board for teacher education programs
6	for the licensure of teachers.
7	(d) An out-of-state alternative teacher certification program
8	under subsection (a)(3) must:
9	(1) currently operate in at least five (5) states; and
10	(2) have operated an alternative teacher certification program
11	for at least ten (10) years.
12	(e) An individual who receives an alternative teacher
13	certification under subsection (a)(3) is authorized to teach the
14	subject and educational level that the individual has successfully
15	completed.
16	(f) An individual who receives an initial practitioner license
17	under this section shall be treated in the same manner as an
18	individual who receives an initial practitioner license after
19	completing a traditional teacher preparation program.
20	(g) An individual who graduates from an alternative teacher
21	certification program must be treated in the same manner as a
22	traditional teacher preparation program graduate during the
23	transition from an initial practitioner license to a practitioner
24	license.
25	(h) An individual who receives an initial practitioner license
26	under this section may not teach a special education course or be
27	a teacher of record for a special education student for the period
28	the individual maintains a license under this section.
29	(i) A school corporation, charter school, or state accredited
30	nonpublic school shall submit a plan to the department if the school
31	corporation, charter school, or state accredited nonpublic school
32	hires one (1) or more individuals who have received an initial
33	practitioner license under this section. The plan must be submitted
34	in a manner prescribed by the department and must include a
35	description of how the school corporation, charter school, or state
36	accredited nonpublic school will, excluding the clinical experience
37	program described in subsection (b), provide an individual who
38	receives an initial practitioner license under this section
39	opportunities to obtain exposure to classroom management and
40	instructional techniques, including meaningful exposure to special



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education. The plan is a public record.

(j) Not later than July 1, 2024, the department shall prepare a

1	report that shall be submitted to the general assembly in an
2	electronic format under IC 5-14-6. The report must contain the
3	following information:
4	(1) Data showing how many teachers obtained an initial
5	practitioner license under this section.
6	(2) A description of the number of teachers who received an
7	initial practitioner license under this section who are
8	currently employed as a teacher by each:
9	(A) school corporation;
10	(B) charter school; or
11	(C) state accredited nonpublic school.
12	The description must include a breakdown of the subjects
13	taught by teachers who receive an initial practitioner license
14	under this section.
15	(3) A comparison of the Praxis Subject Assessment pass rates
16	for individuals who receive an initial practitioner license
17	under this section in comparison with the Praxis Subject
18	Assessment pass rates for teachers who obtained an initial
19	practitioner license using a different pathway to licensure.
20	(4) A description of how many teachers who received an
21	initial practitioner license under this section are rated as
22	effective or highly effective.
23	SECTION 3. IC 20-28-5-22.4, AS ADDED BY P.L.233-2019,
24	SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
25	JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 22.4. (a) The department shall annually prepare
26	a report that includes the following information regarding teachers
27	licensed in Indiana:
28	(1) The total number of teachers who hold licenses in one (1) or
29	more content areas.
30	(2) The total number of teachers who teach in the content area for
31	which the teacher holds a teaching license.
32	(3) The total number of teachers who:
33	(A) teach under a license or permit issued by the department;
34	(B) completed a teacher preparation program (as defined in
35	IC 20-28-3-1(b)); and
36	(C) have not passed the teacher licensing examinations
37	required to hold a license under section 12 of this chapter.
38	(b) Not later than October 1 of each year, the department shall
39	submit the report prepared under subsection (a) to the:
40	(1) legislative council; and
41	(2) interim study committee on education established by
42	IC 2-5-1.3-4;



1	in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.
2	(c) The department shall post the report prepared under subsection
3	(a) on the department's Internet web site.
4	SECTION 4. IC 20-28-5-26, AS ADDED BY P.L.124-2020,
5	SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
6	JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 26. (a) A teacher preparation program shall
7	include content within the curriculum that:
8	(1) prepares teacher candidates to use evidence based trauma
9	informed classroom instruction, and recognition of social,
10	emotional, and behavioral reactions to including instruction in
11	evidence based social emotional learning classroom practices
12	that are conducive to supporting students who have
13	experienced trauma that may interfere with a student's academic
14	functioning; and
15	(2) provides information on applicable Indiana laws regarding
16	other instructional requirements and applicable Indiana laws
17	relating to the instruction and recognition described in
18	subdivision (1), including the following:
19	(A) IC 20-30-5-5.
20	(B) IC 20-30-5-6.
21	(C) IC 20-30-5-13.
22	(D) IC 20-30-5-17.
23	(E) IC 20-34-3-21.
24	(F) IC 20-34-9.
25	(b) The teacher preparation program shall consider using curricula
26	that includes:
27	(1) training on evidence based social emotional learning
28	classroom practices that are consistent with the state's social
29	emotional learning competencies established by the
30	department;
31	(1) (2) training on recognizing possible signs of social, emotional,
32	and behavioral reactions to trauma;
33	(2) (3) training on the potential impacts of trauma;
34	(3) (4) strategies for recognizing the signs and symptoms of
35	trauma;
36	(4) (5) practical recommendations for running a trauma informed
37	classroom; and
38	(5) (6) approaches for avoiding revictimization in schools.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Education and Career Development, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 205, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 1 through 17.

Page 2, delete lines 1 through 33, begin a new paragraph and insert: "SECTION 1. IC 20-28-5-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.156-2020, SECTION 77, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 12. (a) Subsection (b) does not apply to an individual who:

- (1) held an Indiana limited, reciprocal, or standard teaching license on June 30, 1985; or
- (2) is granted a license under section section 12.5 or 18 of this chapter.
- (b) Except as provided in section 12.5, the department may not grant an initial practitioner license to an individual unless the individual has demonstrated proficiency in the following areas on a written examination or through other procedures prescribed by the department:
 - (1) Pedagogy.
 - (2) Knowledge of the areas in which the individual is required to have a license to teach.
 - (3) If the individual is seeking to be licensed as an elementary school teacher, comprehensive scientifically based reading instruction skills, including:
 - (A) phonemic awareness;
 - (B) phonics instruction;
 - (C) fluency;
 - (D) vocabulary; and
 - (E) comprehension.
- (c) An individual's license examination score may not be disclosed by the department without the individual's consent unless specifically required by state or federal statute or court order.
- (d) Subject to section 22 of this chapter, the state board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to do the following:
 - (1) Adopt, validate, and implement the examination or other procedures required by subsection (b).
 - (2) Establish examination scores indicating proficiency.
 - (3) Otherwise carry out the purposes of this section.



(e) Subject to section 18 of this chapter, the state board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 establishing the conditions under which the requirements of this section may be waived for an individual holding a valid teacher's license issued by another state.

SECTION 2. IC 20-28-5-12.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: **Sec. 12.5. (a) The department shall grant an initial practitioner license to an individual who:**

- (1) possesses a bachelor's degree from an accredited postsecondary four (4) year institution;
- (2) successfully completes an alternative teacher certification program that includes:
 - (A) the required content training in the area in which the individual seeks to be licensed;
 - (B) pedagogy training and an examination that is in substantive alignment with nationally recognized pedagogical standards and teaches effective:
 - (i) instructional delivery;
 - (ii) classroom management and organization;
 - (iii) assessment;
 - (iv) instructional design; and
 - (v) professional learning and leadership; and
 - (C) successful demonstration of content area proficiency in an examination that includes content area material in substantive alignment with nationally recognized content area standards in the areas that the individual is required to have a license to teach;
- (3) holds a valid cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification from a provider approved by the department; and
- (4) has attended youth suicide awareness and prevention training.
- (b) An in-state alternative teacher certification program under subsection (a)(2) must operate in accordance with the procedures and program approval standards and requirements set by the department and the state board for teacher education programs for the licensure of teachers.
- (c) An out-of-state alternative teacher certification program under subsection (a)(2) must:
 - (1) currently operate in at least five (5) states; and
 - (2) have operated an alternative teacher certification program for at least ten (10) years.
 - (d) An individual who receives an alternative teacher



certification under subsection (a)(2) is authorized to teach the subject and educational level that the individual has successfully completed.

- (e) An individual who receives an initial practitioner license under this section shall be treated in the same manner as an individual who receives an initial practitioner license after completing a traditional teacher preparation program.
- (f) An individual who graduates from an alternative teacher certification program must be treated in the same manner as a traditional teacher preparation program graduate during the transition from an initial practitioner license to a practitioner license.

SECTION 3. IC 20-28-5-22.4, AS ADDED BY P.L.233-2019, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 22.4. (a) The department shall annually prepare a report that includes the following information regarding teachers licensed in Indiana:

- (1) The total number of teachers who hold licenses in one (1) or more content areas.
- (2) The total number of teachers who teach in the content area for which the teacher holds a teaching license.
- (3) The total number of teachers who:
 - (A) teach under a license or permit issued by the department;
 - (B) completed a teacher preparation program (as defined in IC 20-28-3-1(b)); and
 - (C) have not passed the teacher licensing examinations required to hold a license under section 12 of this chapter.
- (b) Not later than October 1 of each year, the department shall submit the report prepared under subsection (a) to the:
 - (1) legislative council; and
 - (2) interim study committee on education established by IC 2-5-1.3-4;

in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

(c) The department shall post the report prepared under subsection (a) on the department's Internet web site.".

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 205 as introduced.)

RAATZ, Chairperson



Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 5.

SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Senate Bill 205 be amended to read as follows:

Page 2, line 38, after "leadership;" delete "and".

Page 3, between lines 1 and 2, begin a new line double block indented and insert:

- "(D) verification from a third party that regularly reviews educational and professional examinations that the alternative certification examination is equal to or greater in rigor than the written examination under section 12 of this chapter; and
- (E) content within the curriculum that prepares teacher candidates to use evidence based trauma informed classroom instruction, including instruction in evidence based social emotional learning classroom practices that are conducive to supporting students who have experienced trauma that may interfere with a student's academic functioning;".

(Reference is to SB 205 as printed February 19, 2021.)

ROGERS

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Education, to which was referred Senate Bill 205, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 9, after "12.5" insert "of this chapter".

Page 2, between lines 25 and 26, begin a new line block indented and insert:

- "(1) subject to subsection (g), will teach a course in grade 7, 8,
- 9, 10, 11, or 12, with a subject matter in the field of:
 - (A) science;
 - (B) technology;

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- (C) engineering; or
- (D) mathematics;".
- Page 2, line 26, delete "(1)" and insert "(2)".
- Page 2, line 28, delete "(2)" and insert "(3)".
- Page 3, between lines 14 and 15, begin a new line block indented and insert:
 - "(4) completes a one (1) year clinical experience program with a not-for-profit organization that provides clinical instruction in:
 - (A) instructional design and planning;
 - (B) effective instructional delivery;
 - (C) classroom management and organization; and
 - (D) effective use of assessment data;".
 - Page 3, line 15, delete "(3)" and insert "(5)".
 - Page 3, line 17, delete "(4)" and insert "(6)".
 - Page 3, line 20, delete "(a)(2)" and insert "(a)(3)".
 - Page 3, line 25, delete "(a)(2)" and insert "(a)(3)".
 - Page 3, line 30, delete "(a)(2)" and insert "(a)(3)".
- Page 3, delete lines 33 through 36, begin a new paragraph and insert:
- "(e) An individual who receives an initial practitioner license under this section shall:
 - (1) be treated in the same manner as an individual who receives an initial practitioner license after completing a traditional teacher preparation program; and
 - (2) spend, excluding time in which the individual receives mentoring or instruction as part of a clinical experience program described in subsection (a)(4), at least twenty percent (20%) of the individual's work week during the individual's initial year of teaching:
 - (A) performing classroom observation of;
 - (B) assisting;
 - (C) team teaching with; or
 - (D) teaching under the direct supervision of;

a teacher who is rated as highly effective on the teacher's most recent annual performance evaluation under IC 20-28-11.5. The teacher may not be employed or associated with the clinical experience program described in subsection (a)(4). The experience received by the individual under this subdivision must include meaningful exposure to special education."

Page 3, between lines 41 and 42, begin a new paragraph and insert:



- "(g) An individual who receives an initial practitioner license under this section may not be a teacher of record for a special education student for the period the individual maintains a license under this section.
- (h) A school corporation, charter school, or state accredited nonpublic school may submit a plan to the department to hire individuals who have received a classroom ready certificate from the not-for-profit entity that provides clinical experience under subsection (a)(4). The plan must be submitted in a manner prescribed by the department and must include:
 - (1) a description of the type of mentoring, other than mentoring provided by a program described in subsection (a)(4), the individual will receive; and
 - (2) a description of how the school corporation, charter school, or state accredited nonpublic school will assist the individual to meet the requirements under subsection (e)(2);
 - (3) a description of how the individual will receive meaningful exposure to special education; and
- (4) any requirement determined necessary by the department. The department may approve the plan submitted under this section if the department determines that an individual hired under this subsection will receive support necessary to ensure that the individual will be an effective instructor."

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 205 as reprinted February 23, 2021.)

BEHNING

Committee Vote: yeas 10, nays 3.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Engrossed Senate Bill 205 be amended to read as follows:

Page 2, delete lines 26 through 31, begin a new line block indented and insert:

"(1) is at least twenty-six (26) years of age;".

Page 3, delete lines 21 through 27, begin a new line block indented and insert:

"(4) successfully completes a Praxis Subject Assessment;".

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Page 3, between lines 31 and 32, begin a new paragraph and insert:

- "(b) The individual must complete a one (1) year clinical experience program during the individual's first year in the classroom when the individual is employed as a full-time teacher. The provider must:
 - (1) provide the clinical experience program at no cost to the state or to the school corporation, charter school, or state accredited nonpublic school; and
 - (2) as part of the clinical instruction program, provide instruction in:
 - (A) instructional design and planning;
 - (B) effective instructional delivery;
 - (C) classroom management and organization;
 - (D) effective use of assessment data;
 - (E) content in federal and Indiana special education laws; and
 - (F) required awareness, preparation, and understanding of:
 - (i) individualized education programs;
 - (ii) service plans developed under 511 IAC 7-34;
 - (iii) choice special education plans developed under 511 IAC 7-49; and
 - (iv) plans developed under Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. 794.".

Page 3, line 32, delete "(b)" and insert "(c)".

Page 3, line 37, delete "(c)" and insert "(d)".

Page 3, line 42, delete "(d)" and insert "(e)".

Page 4, delete lines 4 through 24, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(f) An individual who receives an initial practitioner license under this section shall be treated in the same manner as an individual who receives an initial practitioner license after completing a traditional teacher preparation program."

Page 4, line 25, delete "(f)" and insert "(g)".

Page 4, line 30, delete "(g)" and insert "(h)".

Page 4, line 31, after "not" insert "teach a special education course or"

Page 4, delete lines 34 through 42, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(i) A school corporation, charter school, or state accredited nonpublic school shall submit a plan to the department if the school corporation, charter school, or state accredited nonpublic school hires one (1) or more individuals who have received an initial



practitioner license under this section. The plan must be submitted in a manner prescribed by the department and must include a description of how the school corporation, charter school, or state accredited nonpublic school will, excluding the clinical experience program described in subsection (b), provide an individual who receives an initial practitioner license under this section opportunities to obtain exposure to classroom management and instructional techniques, including meaningful exposure to special education. The plan is a public record.

- (j) Not later than July 1, 2024, the department shall prepare a report that shall be submitted to the general assembly in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6. The report must contain the following information:
 - (1) Data showing how many teachers obtained an initial practitioner license under this section.
 - (2) A description of the number of teachers who received an initial practitioner license under this section who are currently employed as a teacher by each:
 - (A) school corporation;
 - (B) charter school; or
 - (C) state accredited nonpublic school.

The description must include a breakdown of the subjects taught by teachers who receive an initial practitioner license under this section.

- (3) A comparison of the Praxis Subject Assessment pass rates for individuals who receive an initial practitioner license under this section in comparison with the Praxis Subject Assessment pass rates for teachers who obtained an initial practitioner license using a different pathway to licensure.
- (4) A description of how many teachers who received an initial practitioner license under this section are rated as effective or highly effective.".

Page 5, delete lines 1 through 10.

(Reference is to ESB 205 as printed April 8, 2021.)

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