

## SENATE BILL No. 532

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-28-5.

**Synopsis:** Teacher licensing examinations. Requires, not later than July 1, 2020, the state board of education to adopt teacher licensing examinations to replace the teacher licensing examinations administered on July 1, 2019. Requires, not later than July 1, 2021, the department of education to implement the adopted teacher licensing examinations.

**Effective:** July 1, 2019.

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January 14, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.

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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.

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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 20-28-5-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.106-2016,  
2 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2019]: 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 18 of this chapter.  
8 (b) The department may not grant an initial practitioner license to  
9 an individual unless the individual has demonstrated proficiency in the  
10 following areas on a written examination or through other procedures  
11 prescribed by the department:  
12 (1) Basic reading, writing, and mathematics.  
13 (2) Pedagogy.  
14 (3) Knowledge of the areas in which the individual is required to  
15 have a license to teach.  
16 (4) If the individual is seeking to be licensed as an elementary  
17 school teacher, comprehensive scientifically based reading



- 1 instruction skills, including:  
 2 (A) phonemic awareness;  
 3 (B) phonics instruction;  
 4 (C) fluency;  
 5 (D) vocabulary; and  
 6 (E) comprehension.
- 7 (c) An individual's license examination score may not be disclosed  
 8 by the department without the individual's consent unless specifically  
 9 required by state or federal statute or court order.
- 10 (d) **Subject to section 22 of this chapter**, the state board shall  
 11 adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to do the following:  
 12 (1) Adopt, validate, and implement the examination or other  
 13 procedures required by subsection (b).  
 14 (2) Establish examination scores indicating proficiency.  
 15 (3) Otherwise carry out the purposes of this section.
- 16 (e) Subject to section 18 of this chapter, the state board shall adopt  
 17 rules under IC 4-22-2 establishing the conditions under which the  
 18 requirements of this section may be waived for an individual holding  
 19 a valid teacher's license issued by another state.
- 20 SECTION 2. IC 20-28-5-22 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 21 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 22 1, 2019]: **Sec. 22. (a) This section applies to teacher licensing  
 23 examinations administered to determine whether an individual  
 24 demonstrates, in accordance with section 12(b) of this chapter,  
 25 proficiency in:**  
 26 (1) **basic reading, writing, and mathematics;**  
 27 (2) **pedagogy; and**  
 28 (3) **knowledge of the areas in which the individual is required  
 29 to have a license to teach.**
- 30 (b) **Not later than July 1, 2020, the state board shall adopt  
 31 teacher licensing examinations to replace the teacher licensing  
 32 examinations administered on July 1, 2019.**
- 33 (c) **The state board shall do the following:**  
 34 (1) **Establish criteria for requests for proposals for all teacher  
 35 licensing examinations.**  
 36 (2) **Adopt teacher licensing examinations that are already in  
 37 existence and administered nationally.**
- 38 (d) **The department shall, not later than July 1, 2021, implement  
 39 the teacher licensing examinations adopted under this section.**
- 40 (e) **The state board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to carry  
 41 out this section.**

