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ENGROSSED SENATE BILL No. 532

DIGEST OF SB 532 (Updated April 8, 2019 11:13 am - DI 116)

Citations Affected: IC 20-28.

Synopsis: Teacher licensing examinations. Provides that the department of education (department) shall convene a panel of stakeholders designated by the department, which must consist of teachers and representatives from postsecondary education, to adopt licensure examinations to replace the current teacher licensing examination.

Effective: Upon passage; July 1, 2019.

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(HOUSE SPONSORS — THOMPSON, BEHNING)

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

January 31, 2019, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

February 4, 2019, read second time, ordered engrossed. Engrossed.

February 5, 2019, read third time, passed. Yeas 49, nays 0.

HOUSE ACTION

March 5, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

April 8, 2019, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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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.

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ENGROSSED SENATE BILL No. 532

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

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- 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**
- 22 **UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 22. (a) This section applies to teacher**
- 23 **licensing examinations administered to determine whether an**
- 24 **individual demonstrates, in accordance with section 12(b) of this**
- 25 **chapter, 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) **The department shall convene a panel of stakeholders**
- 31 **designated by the department, which must consist of teachers and**
- 32 **representatives from postsecondary education, to adopt teacher**
- 33 **licensing examinations to replace the teacher licensing**
- 34 **examinations administered on July 1, 2019. The panel shall**
- 35 **consider whether to use a national examination or an examination**
- 36 **customized for Indiana's teaching needs.**
- 37 (c) **Not later than July 1, 2019, the panel shall adopt teacher**
- 38 **licensing examinations to replace the teacher licensing examination**
- 39 **administered on July 1, 2019.**
- 40 (d) **Not later than September 1, 2021, the department shall**
- 41 **implement the teacher licensing examinations adopted by the panel**
- 42 **under this section. The state board may adopt rules under**



1 **IC 4-22-2 necessary to implement this section.**
2 **SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act.**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Education and Career Development, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 532, 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 2, delete lines 33 through 39, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(c) The state board shall adopt teacher licensing examinations that are already in existence and administered nationally.

(d) The department shall, not later than September 1, 2021, implement the teacher licensing examinations adopted under this section."

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 532 as introduced.)

RAATZ, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Education, to which was referred Senate Bill 532, 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:

Replace the effective date in SECTION 2 with "[EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]".

Page 2, delete lines 30 through 39, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(b) The department shall convene a panel of stakeholders designated by the department, which must consist of teachers and representatives from postsecondary education, to adopt teacher licensing examinations to replace the teacher licensing examinations administered on July 1, 2019. The panel shall consider whether to use a national examination or an examination customized for Indiana's teaching needs.

(c) Not later than July 1, 2019, the panel shall adopt teacher licensing examinations to replace the teacher licensing examination

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administered on July 1, 2019.

(d) Not later than September 1, 2021, the department shall implement the teacher licensing examinations adopted by the panel under this section. The state board may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 necessary to implement this section.

SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act."

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 532 as printed February 1, 2019.)

BEHNING

Committee Vote: yeas 10, nays 0.

