

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to education; amending provisions for alternative licensure for teachers;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 122A.24, subdivision 1.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 122A.24, subdivision 1, is amended to
1.6 read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Requirements.** (a) A preparation program that is an alternative to
1.8 the postsecondary teacher preparation program as a means to acquire an entrance license
1.9 is established. The program may be offered in any instructional field.

1.10 (b) To participate in the alternative preparation program, the candidate must:

1.11 (1) have a bachelor's degree;

1.12 (2) pass an examination of skills in reading, writing, and mathematics as required
1.13 by section 122A.18;

1.14 (3) have been offered a job to teach in a school district, group of districts, or an
1.15 education district approved by the Board of Teaching to offer an alternative preparation
1.16 licensure program;

1.17 ~~(4)(i) have a college major in the subject area to be taught; or~~ pass an examination of
1.18 proficiency in the subject area in which the candidate is seeking licensure; and

1.19 ~~(ii) have five years of experience in a field related to the subject to be taught; and~~

1.20 (5) document successful experiences working with children.

1.21 (c) An alternative preparation license is of one year duration and is issued by the
1.22 Board of Teaching to participants on admission to the alternative preparation program.

1.23 ~~(d) The Board of Teaching must ensure that one of the purposes of this program is to~~
1.24 ~~enhance the school desegregation/integration policies adopted by the state.~~

2.1 Sec. 2. RULEMAKING.

2.2 The Board of Teaching shall adopt rules listing the examinations that are acceptable
2.3 in each subject area and the scores necessary on the examinations to be considered passing.