

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2727

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BANGERT.

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 168.011 and 168.081, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to substitute teachers.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 168.011 and 168.081, RSMo, are repealed and three new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 168.011, 168.013, and 168.081, to read as follows:

168.011. 1. **Except as provided in section 168.013**, no ~~[person]~~ **individual** shall be employed to teach in any position in a public school until ~~[he]~~ **such individual** has received a valid certificate of license entitling ~~[him]~~ **the individual** to teach in that position.

2. Teaching in the state of Missouri, performing other related education duties, school administration, and teacher education are hereby declared to be professions with all the appropriate rights, responsibilities and privileges accorded to other recognized professions.

168.013. 1. A school district may authorize any individual who meets all of the qualifications of this section to be employed by the school district as a temporary substitute.

2. Before any school district authorizes an individual to be employed as a substitute teacher under this section, the individual shall:

(1) Possess a high school diploma or certificate of graduation or a high school equivalency certificate issued under section 161.093;

(2) Successfully pass a competency test developed for the purposes of this section.

The competency test required by this section may be a test developed by the department

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

10 of elementary and secondary education or by the particular school district for which the
11 individual desires to teach;

12 (3) Successfully pass a classroom management course developed for the purposes
13 of this section. The classroom management course required by this section may be a course
14 developed by the department of elementary and secondary education or by the particular
15 school district for which the individual desires to teach; and

16 (4) Complete a criminal background check as required in section 168.133.

17 3. Any school district authorization granted under this section shall be renewed as
18 often as required by the particular school district by completing a new criminal
19 background check under section 168.133 and participating in at least one hour annually
20 of professional development or school district training.

168.081. 1. Except as provided in subsection 2 of this section, after September 1,
2 1988, no person without a valid Missouri certificate shall:

3 (1) Engage in the practice of teaching or the performance of education duties in grades
4 kindergarten through twelve in any public school in the state;

5 (2) Act as a school administrator in any public school district.

6 2. Any individual who is authorized as a substitute teacher under section 168.013
7 may engage in the practice of teaching or the performance of education duties in grades
8 kindergarten through twelve in any public school in the state.

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