

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2737

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BLACK (137).

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AN ACT

To repeal section 161.097, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to higher education teacher education accreditation programs.

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

Section A. Section 161.097, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 161.097, to read as follows:

161.097. 1. The state board of education shall establish standards and procedures by which it will evaluate all teacher training institutions in this state for the approval of teacher education programs. The state board of education shall not require teacher training institutions to meet national or regional accreditation as a part of its standards and procedures in making those evaluations, but it ~~may~~ shall accept such **professional accreditations specific to teacher education programs including, but not limited to, accreditation by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP), or its successor accrediting body**, in lieu of such approval if standards and procedures set thereby are at least as stringent as those set by the board. The state board of education's standards and procedures for evaluating teacher training institutions shall equal or exceed those of national or regional accrediting associations.

2. There is hereby established within the department of elementary and secondary education the "Missouri Advisory Board for Educator Preparation", hereinafter referred to as "MABEP". The MABEP shall advise the state board of education and the coordinating board for higher education regarding matters of mutual interest in the area of quality educator preparation programs in Missouri.

3. Upon approval by the state board of education of the teacher education program at a particular teacher training institution, any person who graduates from that program, and who

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.

18 meets other requirements which the state board of education shall prescribe by rule, regulation
19 and statute shall be granted a certificate or license to teach in the public schools of this state.
20 However, no such rule or regulation shall require that the program from which the person
21 graduates be accredited by any national or regional accreditation association.

22 4. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created
23 under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and
24 is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section
25 and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly
26 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule
27 are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule
28 proposed or adopted after August 28, 2014, shall be invalid and void.

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