

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB632

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Rasoul

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Teachers; certain licenses and certificates.

5. Summary: Makes several changes to provisions of law relating to the licensure and certification of teachers, including (i) establishing universal licensure by reciprocity as a category of teacher licensure in the Commonwealth for certain licensed out-of-state teachers, regardless of the traditional or alternative nature of the education preparation programs that they completed; (ii) establishing and enumerating the criteria for a subject matter expert teaching certificate to provide high-quality teaching candidates who have relevant work experience or expertise in a content or subject matter area an accelerated path toward a renewable license; (iii) permitting the division superintendent rather than the Board of Education, as is current law, to issue a career and technical education teacher a provisional license to allow time for the teacher to attain the industry certification credential required by law; (iv) permitting any high school principal to waive, for any individual whom he seeks to employ as a career and technical education teacher and who is also seeking initial licensure or renewal of a license with an endorsement in the area of career and technical education, certain applicable licensure requirements; and (v) permitting any division superintendent to directly waive, rather than apply to the Department of Education for a biennial waiver as is required under current law, the teacher licensure requirements for any individual whom the local school board hires or seeks to hire to teach in a trade and industrial education program who has obtained or is working toward an industry credential relating to the program area and who has at least 4,000 hours of recent and relevant employment experience.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary, see item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: There is no anticipated state fiscal impact resulting from the provisions of this bill. The Department of Education can absorb any changes in workload for the Office of Teacher Licensure associated with this bill.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Board of Education, Department of Education, local school divisions

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: This bill is identical to SB352.