

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

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1 AMEND House Bill No. 1881, Page 1, Section A, Line 2, by inserting after all of the said section
2 and line the following:

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4 "168.021. 1. Certificates of license to teach in the public schools of the state shall be
5 granted as follows:

6 (1) By the state board, under rules and regulations prescribed by it:

7 (a) Upon the basis of college credit;

8 (b) Upon the basis of examination;

9 (2) By the state board, under rules and regulations prescribed by the state board with advice
10 from the advisory council established by section 168.015 to any individual who presents to the state
11 board a valid doctoral degree from an accredited institution of higher education accredited by a
12 regional accrediting association such as North Central Association. Such certificate shall be limited
13 to the major area of postgraduate study of the holder, shall be issued only after successful
14 completion of the examination required for graduation pursuant to rules adopted by the state board
15 of education, and shall be restricted to those certificates established pursuant to subdivision (2) of
16 subsection 3 of this section;

17 (3) By the state board, which shall issue the professional certificate classification in both the
18 general and specialized areas most closely aligned with the current areas of certification approved
19 by the state board, commensurate with the years of teaching experience of the applicant, and based
20 upon the following criteria:

21 (a) Recommendation of a state-approved baccalaureate-level teacher preparation program;

22 (b) a. Successful attainment of the Missouri qualifying score on the exit assessment for
23 teachers or administrators designated by the state board of education[-];

24 b. (i) Applicants who have not successfully achieved a qualifying score on the designated
25 examinations will be issued a two-year nonrenewable provisional certificate;

26 (ii) During the two-year nonrenewable provisional certification, an individual teacher may
27 gain full professional certification by:

28 i. Achieving a qualifying score on the designated exam; or

29 ii. Successfully achieving an acceptable score on the state-approved teacher evaluation
30 system from seven walk-through evaluations, two formative evaluations, and one summative

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1 evaluation for each of the two probationary years and being offered a third contract by the
2 employing district. For any applicant who has a change in job status because of a reduction in the
3 workforce or a change in life circumstances, the scores required under this item may be scores
4 achieved in any school district during the two-year nonrenewable provisional certification period;
5 and

6 (iii) The employing school district shall recommend to the department of elementary and
7 secondary education that the individual teacher be awarded a full professional certification by the
8 state board under rules prescribed by the state board; and

9 (c) Upon completion of a background check as prescribed in section 168.133 and possession
10 of a valid teaching certificate in the state from which the applicant's teacher preparation program
11 was completed;

12 (4) By the state board, under rules prescribed by it, on the basis of a relevant bachelor's
13 degree, or higher degree, and a passing score for the designated exit examination, for individuals
14 whose academic degree and professional experience are suitable to provide a basis for instruction
15 solely in the subject matter of banking or financial responsibility, at the discretion of the state board.
16 Such certificate shall be limited to the major area of study of the holder and shall be restricted to
17 those certificates established under subdivision (2) of subsection 3 of this section. Holders of
18 certificates granted under this subdivision shall be exempt from the teacher tenure act under sections
19 168.102 to 168.130 and each school district shall have the decision-making authority on whether to
20 hire the holders of such certificates;

21 (5) By the state board, under rules and regulations prescribed by it, on the basis of
22 certification by the American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (ABCTE) and
23 verification of ability to work with children as demonstrated by sixty contact hours in any one of the
24 following areas as validated by the school principal: sixty contact hours in the classroom, of which
25 at least forty-five must be teaching; sixty contact hours as a substitute teacher, with at least thirty
26 consecutive hours in the same classroom; sixty contact hours of teaching in a private school; or sixty
27 contact hours of teaching as a paraprofessional, for an initial four-year ABCTE certificate of license
28 to teach, except that such certificate shall not be granted for the areas of early childhood education,
29 or special education. For certification in the area of elementary education, ninety contact hours in
30 the classroom shall be required, of which at least thirty shall be in an elementary classroom. Upon
31 the completion of the following requirements [~~listed in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) of this~~
32 ~~subdivision~~], an applicant shall be eligible to apply for a career continuous professional certificate
33 under subdivision (3) of subsection 3 of this section:

34 (a) Completion of thirty contact hours of professional development within four years, which
35 may include hours spent in class in an appropriate college curriculum;

36 (b) Validated completion of two years of the mentoring program of the American Board for
37 Certification of Teacher Excellence or a district mentoring program approved by the state board of
38 education;

39 (c) Attainment of a successful performance-based teacher evaluation; and

1 (d) Participation in a beginning teacher assistance program; or

2 (6) (a) By the state board, under rules and regulations prescribed by ~~it~~ the board, which
3 shall issue an initial visiting scholars certificate at the discretion of the board, based on the following
4 criteria:

5 ~~(a)~~ a. Verification from the hiring school district that the applicant will be employed as
6 part of a business-education partnership initiative designed to build career pathways systems or
7 employed as part of an initiative designed to fill vacant positions in hard-to-staff public schools or
8 hard-to-fill subject areas for students in a grade or grades not lower than the ninth grade for which
9 the applicant's academic degree or professional experience qualifies ~~him or her~~ the applicant;

10 ~~(b)~~ b. Appropriate and relevant bachelor's degree or higher, occupational license, or
11 industry-recognized credential;

12 ~~(c)~~ c. Completion of the application for a one-year visiting scholars certificate; and

13 ~~(d)~~ d. Completion of a background check as prescribed under section 168.133.

14 (b) The initial visiting scholars certificate shall certify the holder of such certificate to teach
15 for one year. An applicant shall be eligible to renew an initial visiting scholars certificate a
16 maximum of two times, based upon the completion of the requirements listed under ~~paragraphs (a),~~
17 ~~(b), and (d)~~ subparagraphs a., b., and d. of paragraph (a) of this subdivision; completion of
18 professional development required by the school district and school; and attainment of a satisfactory
19 performance-based teacher evaluation.

20 2. All valid teaching certificates issued pursuant to law or state board policies and
21 regulations prior to September 1, 1988, shall be exempt from the professional development
22 requirements of this section and shall continue in effect until they expire, are revoked or suspended,
23 as provided by law. When such certificates are required to be renewed, the state board or its
24 designee shall grant to each holder of such a certificate the certificate most nearly equivalent to the
25 one so held. Anyone who holds, as of August 28, 2003, a valid PC-I, PC-II, or continuous
26 professional certificate shall, upon expiration of ~~his or her~~ such person's current certificate, be
27 issued the appropriate level of certificate based upon the classification system established pursuant
28 to subsection 3 of this section.

29 3. (1) Certificates of license to teach in the public schools of the state shall be based upon
30 minimum requirements prescribed by the state board of education which shall include completion of
31 a background check as prescribed in section 168.133. The state board shall provide for the
32 following levels of professional certification: an initial professional certificate and a career
33 continuous professional certificate.

34 (2) The initial professional certificate shall be issued upon completion of requirements
35 established by the state board of education and shall be valid based upon verification of actual
36 teaching within a specified time period established by the state board of education. The state board
37 shall require holders of the four-year initial professional certificate to:

38 (a) Participate in a mentoring program approved and provided by the district for a minimum
39 of two years;

1 (b) Complete thirty contact hours of professional development, which may include hours
2 spent in class in an appropriate college curriculum, or for holders of a certificate under subdivision
3 (4) of subsection 1 of this section, an amount of professional development in proportion to the
4 certificate holder's hours in the classroom, if the certificate holder is employed less than full time;
5 and

6 (c) Participate in a beginning teacher assistance program.

7 (3) (a) The career continuous professional certificate shall be issued upon verification of
8 completion of four years of teaching under the initial professional certificate and upon verification
9 of the completion of the requirements articulated in paragraphs (a)~~], (b), and~~ to (c) of subdivision
10 (2) of this subsection or paragraphs (a)~~], (b), (c), and~~ to (d) of subdivision (5) of subsection 1 of this
11 section.

12 (b) The career continuous professional certificate shall be continuous based upon
13 verification of actual employment in an educational position as provided for in state board
14 guidelines and completion of fifteen contact hours of professional development per year which may
15 include hours spent in class in an appropriate college curriculum. Should the possessor of a valid
16 career continuous professional certificate fail, in any given year, to meet the fifteen-hour
17 professional development requirement, the possessor may, within two years, make up the missing
18 hours. In order to make up for missing hours, the possessor shall first complete the fifteen-hour
19 requirement for the current year and then may count hours in excess of the current year requirement
20 as make-up hours. Should the possessor fail to make up the missing hours within two years, the
21 certificate shall become inactive. In order to reactivate the certificate, the possessor shall complete
22 twenty-four contact hours of professional development which may include hours spent in the
23 classroom in an appropriate college curriculum within the six months prior to or after reactivating
24 ~~his or her~~ the possessor's certificate. The requirements of this paragraph shall be monitored and
25 verified by the local school district which employs the holder of the career continuous professional
26 certificate.

27 (c) A holder of a career continuous professional certificate shall be exempt from the
28 professional development contact hour requirements of paragraph (b) of this subdivision if such
29 teacher has a local professional development plan in place within such teacher's school district and
30 meets two of the three following criteria:

31 a. Has ten years of teaching experience as defined by the state board of education;

32 b. Possesses a master's degree; or

33 c. Obtains a rigorous national certification as approved by the state board of education.

34 4. Policies and procedures shall be established by which a teacher who was not retained due
35 to a reduction in force may retain the current level of certification. There shall also be established
36 policies and procedures allowing a teacher who has not been employed in an educational position
37 for three years or more to reactivate ~~his or her~~ the teacher's last level of certification by completing
38 twenty-four contact hours of professional development which may include hours spent in the
39 classroom in an appropriate college curriculum within the six months prior to or after reactivating

1 ~~his or her~~ the teacher's certificate.

2 5. The state board shall, upon completion of a background check as prescribed in section
3 168.133, issue a professional certificate classification in the areas most closely aligned with an
4 applicant's current areas of certification, commensurate with the years of teaching experience of the
5 applicant, to any person who is hired to teach in a public school in this state and who possesses a
6 valid teaching certificate from another state or certification under subdivision (4) of subsection 1 of
7 this section, provided that the certificate holder shall annually complete the state board's
8 requirements for such level of certification, and shall establish policies by which residents of states
9 other than the state of Missouri may be assessed a fee for a certificate of license to teach in the
10 public schools of Missouri. Such fee shall be in an amount sufficient to recover any or all costs
11 associated with the issuing of a certificate of license to teach. The board shall promulgate rules to
12 authorize the issuance of a provisional certificate of license, which shall be valid for three years and
13 shall allow the holder to assume classroom duties pending the completion of a criminal background
14 check under section 168.133, for any applicant who:

15 (1) Is the spouse of a member of the Armed Forces stationed in Missouri;

16 (2) Relocated from another state within one year of the date of application;

17 (3) Underwent a criminal background check in order to be issued a teaching certificate of
18 license from another state; and

19 (4) Otherwise qualifies under this section.

20 6. The state board may assess to holders of an initial professional certificate a fee, to be
21 deposited into the excellence in education ~~revolving~~ fund established pursuant to section 160.268,
22 for the issuance of the career continuous professional certificate. However, such fee shall not
23 exceed the combined costs of issuance and any criminal background check required as a condition
24 of issuance. Applicants for the initial ABCTE certificate shall be responsible for any fees associated
25 with the program leading to the issuance of the certificate, but nothing in this section shall prohibit a
26 district from developing a policy that permits fee reimbursement.

27 7. Any member of the public school retirement system of Missouri who entered covered
28 employment with ten or more years of educational experience in another state or states and held a
29 certificate issued by another state and subsequently worked in a school district covered by the public
30 school retirement system of Missouri for ten or more years who later became certificated in
31 Missouri shall have that certificate dated back to ~~his or her~~ the member's original date of
32 employment in a Missouri public school.

33 8. Within thirty days of receiving an application from a spouse of an active duty member of
34 the Armed Forces of the United States who has been transferred or is scheduled to be transferred to
35 the state of Missouri, or who has been transferred or is scheduled to be transferred to an adjacent
36 state and is or will be domiciled in the state of Missouri, or has moved to the state of Missouri on a
37 permanent change-of-station basis and has successfully completed the background check described
38 under subsection 5 of this section and section 168.133, the state board shall issue to such applicant a
39 full certificate of license to teach, provided that the applicant has paid all necessary fees and has

- 1 otherwise met all requirements to be issued such a certificate." ; and
- 2 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
- 3 accordingly.