
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 150—ASSEMBLYMEN MANENDO, MCCLEARY,
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MUNFORD

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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions regarding licensure or
endorsement of educational personnel.
(BDR 34-873)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to educational personnel; revising provisions
regarding the licensure or endorsement of educational
personnel; revising certain provisions regarding the
reciprocal licensure of certain educational personnel from
other states; and providing other matters properly relating
thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law requires the Commission on Professional Standards in Education
2 to adopt regulations prescribing the qualifications for licensure, fields of
3 specialization and requirements concerning endorsements in a field of
4 specialization for teachers and other educational personnel. (NRS 391.019)

5 This bill provides that if the Commission makes teaching experience a
6 requirement for licensure or endorsement, a person's experience as an administrator
7 or as a school counselor, school psychologist or school librarian must be credited as
8 teaching experience.

9 Existing law specifies the types of licenses that may be issued to teachers and
10 other educational personnel, including a special license to teach or perform other
11 educational functions in a school or program. (NRS 391.031)

12 This bill provides that if a person holds a special license with an endorsement
13 as an administrator, that person is not required to hold an additional license or an
14 additional endorsement as a condition to holding the special license or the
15 endorsement as an administrator.

16 Existing law requires the Commission to adopt regulations that provide for the
17 reciprocal licensure of educational personnel. (NRS 391.032)



18 This bill specifically requires the Commission to adopt regulations for the
19 reciprocal licensure of administrators who hold licenses issued by other states.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 391.019 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 391.019 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 391.027,
3 the Commission:
4 (a) Shall adopt regulations:
5 (1) Prescribing the qualifications for licensing teachers and
6 other educational personnel, including, without limitation, the
7 qualifications for a license to teach middle school or junior high
8 school education, and the procedures for the issuance and renewal of
9 such licenses.
10 (2) Identifying fields of specialization in teaching which
11 require the specialized training of teachers.
12 (3) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 391.125, requiring
13 teachers to obtain from the Department an endorsement in a field of
14 specialization to be eligible to teach in that field of specialization.
15 (4) Setting forth the educational requirements a teacher must
16 satisfy to qualify for an endorsement in each field of specialization.
17 (5) Setting forth the qualifications and requirements for
18 obtaining a license or endorsement to teach American Sign
19 Language, including, without limitation, being qualified to
20 engage in the practice of interpreting pursuant to subsection 3 of
21 NRS 656A.100.
22 (6) Except as otherwise authorized by subsection 4 of NRS
23 656A.100, requiring teachers and other educational personnel to
24 satisfy the qualifications set forth in subsection 3 of NRS 656A.100
25 if they:
26 (I) Provide instruction or other educational services; and
27 (II) Concurrently engage in the practice of interpreting, as
28 defined in NRS 656A.060.
29 (b) May adopt such other regulations as it deems necessary for
30 its own government or to carry out its duties.
31 2. Any regulation which increases the amount of education,
32 training or experience required for licensing:
33 (a) Must, in addition to the requirements for publication in
34 chapter 233B of NRS, be publicized before its adoption in a manner
35 reasonably calculated to inform those persons affected by the
36 change.
37 (b) Must not become effective until at least 1 year after the date
38 it is adopted by the Commission.



1 (c) Is not applicable to a license in effect on the date the
2 regulation becomes effective.

3 **3. *If the Commission adopts regulations that require an***
4 ***applicant for a license or an endorsement to have experience in***
5 ***teaching, any experience of the applicant as an administrator or***
6 ***as a school counselor, school psychologist or school librarian***
7 ***must be credited as experience in teaching.***

8 **Sec. 2.** NRS 391.031 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 391.031 There are the following kinds of licenses for teachers
10 and other educational personnel in this State:

11 1. A license to teach elementary education, which authorizes
12 the holder to teach in any elementary school in the State.

13 2. A license to teach middle school or junior high school
14 education, which authorizes the holder to teach in his major or
15 minor field of preparation or in both fields in grades 7, 8 and 9 at
16 any middle school or junior high school. He may teach only in these
17 fields unless an exception is approved pursuant to regulations
18 adopted by the Commission.

19 3. A license to teach secondary education, which authorizes the
20 holder to teach in his major or minor field of preparation or in both
21 fields in any secondary school. He may teach only in these fields
22 unless an exception is approved pursuant to regulations adopted by
23 the Commission.

24 4. A special license, which authorizes the holder to teach or
25 perform other educational functions in a school or program as
26 designated in the license. ***A person who holds a special license with***
27 ***an endorsement as an administrator is not required to hold an***
28 ***additional license or an additional endorsement as a condition to***
29 ***holding the special license or the endorsement as an***
30 ***administrator.***

31 **Sec. 3.** NRS 391.032 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 391.032 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 391.027,
33 the Commission shall:

34 (a) Consider and may adopt regulations which provide for the
35 issuance of conditional licenses to teachers and other educational
36 personnel before completion of all courses of study or other
37 requirements for a license in this State.

38 (b) Adopt regulations which provide for the reciprocal licensure
39 of educational personnel , ***including, without limitation,***
40 ***administrators,*** from other states.

41 2. The regulations adopted pursuant to paragraph (b) of
42 subsection 1 may provide an exemption from the examinations
43 required for initial licensure for teachers and other educational
44 personnel who have previous experience in teaching or performing



1 other educational functions in another state **[H]**, *including, without*
2 *limitation, experience as an administrator.* If the Commission
3 adopts regulations providing such an exemption, the Commission
4 shall identify the examinations to which the exemption applies.

5 3. A person who is issued a conditional license must complete
6 all courses of study and other requirements for a license in this State
7 which is not conditional within 3 years after the date on which a
8 conditional license is issued.

9 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2005.

