

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

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1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1750, Page 3, Section 162.091, Line 20, by
2 inserting after all of said section 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 granted as
5 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 from the
10 advisory council established by section 168.015 to any individual who presents to the state board a valid
11 doctoral degree from an accredited institution of higher education accredited by a regional accrediting
12 association such as North Central Association. Such certificate shall be limited to the major area of
13 postgraduate study of the holder, shall be issued only after successful completion of the examination required
14 for graduation pursuant to rules adopted by the state board of education, and shall be restricted to those
15 certificates established pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection 3 of this section;

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 ii. Successfully achieving an acceptable score on the state-approved teacher evaluation system from
28 seven walk-through evaluations, two formative evaluations, and one summative evaluation for each of the
29 two probationary years and being offered a third contract by the employing district. For any applicant who
30 has a change in job status because of a reduction in the workforce or a change in life circumstances, the

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1 scores required under this item may be scores achieved in any school district during the two-year
 2 nonrenewable provisional certification period; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

36 ~~[(a)]~~ a. Verification from the hiring school district that the applicant will be employed as part of a
 37 business-education partnership initiative designed to build career pathways systems or employed as part of an
 38 initiative designed to fill vacant positions in hard-to-staff public schools or hard-to-fill subject areas for
 39 students in a grade or grades not lower than the ninth grade for which the applicant's academic degree or

1 professional experience qualifies ~~him or her~~ the applicant;

2 ~~[(b)]~~ b. Appropriate and relevant bachelor's degree or higher, occupational license, or industry-
3 recognized credential;

4 ~~[(e)]~~ c. Completion of the application for a one-year visiting scholars certificate; and

5 ~~[(d)]~~ d. Completion of a background check as prescribed under section 168.133.

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

11 2. All valid teaching certificates issued pursuant to law or state board policies and regulations prior
12 to September 1, 1988, shall be exempt from the professional development requirements of this section and
13 shall continue in effect until they expire, are revoked or suspended, as provided by law. When such
14 certificates are required to be renewed, the state board or its designee shall grant to each holder of such a
15 certificate the certificate most nearly equivalent to the one so held. Anyone who holds, as of August 28,
16 2003, a valid PC-I, PC-II, or continuous professional certificate shall, upon expiration of ~~[his or her]~~ such
17 person's current certificate, be issued the appropriate level of certificate based upon the classification system
18 established pursuant to subsection 3 of this section.

19 3. (1) Certificates of license to teach in the public schools of the state shall be based upon minimum
20 requirements prescribed by the state board of education which shall include completion of a background
21 check as prescribed in section 168.133. The state board shall provide for the following levels of professional
22 certification: an initial professional certificate and a career continuous professional certificate.

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

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

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

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

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

38 (b) The career continuous professional certificate shall be continuous based upon verification of
39 actual employment in an educational position as provided for in state board guidelines and completion of

1 fifteen contact hours of professional development per year which may include hours spent in class in an
 2 appropriate college curriculum. Should the possessor of a valid career continuous professional certificate
 3 fail, in any given year, to meet the fifteen-hour professional development requirement, the possessor may,
 4 within two years, make up the missing hours. In order to make up for missing hours, the possessor shall first
 5 complete the fifteen-hour requirement for the current year and then may count hours in excess of the current
 6 year requirement as make-up hours. Should the possessor fail to make up the missing hours within two years,
 7 the certificate shall become inactive. In order to reactivate the certificate, the possessor shall complete
 8 twenty-four contact hours of professional development which may include hours spent in the classroom in an
 9 appropriate college curriculum within the six months prior to or after reactivating ~~[his or her]~~ the possessor's
 10 certificate. The requirements of this paragraph shall be monitored and verified by the local school district
 11 which employs the holder of the career continuous professional certificate.

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

- 16 a. Has ten years of teaching experience as defined by the state board of education;
- 17 b. Possesses a master's degree; or
- 18 c. Obtains a rigorous national certification as approved by the state board of education.

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

25 5. The state board shall, upon completion of a background check as prescribed in section 168.133,
 26 issue a professional certificate classification in the areas most closely aligned with an applicant's current areas
 27 of certification, commensurate with the years of teaching experience of the applicant, to any person who is
 28 hired to teach in a public school in this state and who possesses a valid teaching certificate from another state
 29 or certification under subdivision (4) of subsection 1 of this section, provided that the certificate holder shall
 30 annually complete the state board's requirements for such level of certification, and shall establish policies by
 31 which residents of states other than the state of Missouri may be assessed a fee for a certificate of license to
 32 teach in the public schools of Missouri. Such fee shall be in an amount sufficient to recover any or all costs
 33 associated with the issuing of a certificate of license to teach. The board shall promulgate rules to authorize
 34 the issuance of a provisional certificate of license, which shall be valid for three years and shall allow the
 35 holder to assume classroom duties pending the completion of a criminal background check under section
 36 168.133, for any applicant who:

- 37 (1) Is the spouse of a member of the Armed Forces stationed in Missouri;
- 38 (2) Relocated from another state within one year of the date of application;
- 39 (3) Underwent a criminal background check in order to be issued a teaching certificate of license

1 from another state; and

2 (4) Otherwise qualifies under this section.

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

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

15 8. Within thirty days of receiving an application from a spouse of an active duty member of the
16 Armed Forces of the United States who has been transferred or is scheduled to be transferred to the state of
17 Missouri, or who has been transferred or is scheduled to be transferred to an adjacent state and is or will be
18 domiciled in the state of Missouri, or has moved to the state of Missouri on a permanent change-of-station
19 basis and has successfully completed the background check described under subsection 5 of this section and
20 section 168.133, the state board shall issue to such applicant a full certificate of license to teach, provided that
21 the applicant has paid all necessary fees and has otherwise met all requirements to be issued such a
22 certificate."; and

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24 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.