

HOUSE BILL 167

51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013

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AN ACT

RELATING TO TEACHER LICENSURE; AMENDING THE SCHOOL PERSONNEL
ACT TO REQUIRE ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT OF CANDIDATES' CONTENT
KNOWLEDGE IN CERTAIN AREAS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 22-10A-7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2003,
Chapter 153, Section 38, as amended) is amended to read:

"22-10A-7. LEVEL ONE LICENSURE.--

A. A level one license is a provisional five-year
license for beginning teachers that requires as a condition of
licensure that the licensee undergo a formal mentorship program
for at least one full school year and an annual intensive
performance evaluation by a school administrator for at least
three full school years before applying for a level two
license.

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1 B. Each school district, in accordance with
2 department rules, shall provide for the mentorship and
3 evaluation of level one teachers. At the end of each year and
4 at the end of the license period, the level one teacher shall
5 be evaluated for competency. If the teacher fails to
6 demonstrate satisfactory progress and competence annually, the
7 teacher may be terminated as provided in Section 22-10A-24 NMSA
8 1978. If the teacher has not demonstrated satisfactory
9 progress and competence by the end of the five-year period, the
10 teacher shall not be granted a level two license.

11 C. Except in exigent circumstances defined by
12 department rule, a level one license shall not be extended
13 beyond the initial period.

14 D. The department shall issue a standard level one
15 license to an applicant who is at least eighteen years of age
16 who:

17 (1) holds a baccalaureate degree from an
18 accredited educational institution;

19 (2) has successfully completed a department-
20 approved teacher preparation program from a nationally
21 accredited or state-approved educational institution;

22 (3) has passed the New Mexico teacher
23 assessments examination, including for elementary licensure
24 [~~beginning January 1, 2013~~], a rigorous assessment of the
25 candidate's knowledge of the science of teaching reading and,

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1 beginning January 1, 2014, individual content knowledge
2 assessments in language arts, mathematics, science and social
3 studies; and

4 (4) meets other qualifications for level one
5 licensure, including clearance of the required background
6 check.

7 E. The department shall issue an alternative level
8 one license to an applicant who meets the requirements of
9 Section 22-10A-8 NMSA 1978.

10 F. The department shall establish competencies and
11 qualifications for specific grade levels, types and subject
12 areas of level one licensure, including early childhood,
13 elementary, middle school, secondary, special [education] and
14 vocational education.

15 G. ~~[Beginning with the 2003-2004 school year, with~~
16 ~~the adoption by the department of a highly objective uniform~~
17 ~~statewide standard of evaluation for level one teachers]~~ The
18 minimum salary for a level one teacher shall be thirty thousand
19 dollars (\$30,000) for a standard nine and one-half month
20 contract.

21 ~~[H. Teachers who hold level one licenses on the~~
22 ~~effective date of the 2003 act must be evaluated by the end of~~
23 ~~the 2006-2007 school year.]"~~