

1 SENATE BILL 329

2 **52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING THE SCHOOL PERSONNEL ACT TO
12 CHANGE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONS SEEKING LICENSURE OR
13 RECIPROCITY IN ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY EDUCATION.

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

16 SECTION 1. Section 22-10A-6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1986,
17 Chapter 33, Section 8, as amended) is amended to read:

18 "22-10A-6. EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE.--

19 A. The department shall require a person seeking
20 licensure or reciprocity in elementary or secondary education
21 to have completed the following minimum requirements in the
22 college of arts and sciences:

23 [~~(1) twelve hours in English;~~

24 ~~(2) twelve hours in history, including~~

25 ~~American history and western civilization;~~

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1 ~~(3) nine hours in mathematics for elementary~~
2 ~~education and six hours in mathematics for secondary education;~~

3 ~~(4) six hours in government, economics or~~
4 ~~sociology;~~

5 ~~(5) twelve hours in science, including~~
6 ~~biology, chemistry, physics, geology, zoology and botany; and~~

7 ~~(6) six hours in fine arts]~~

8 (1) nine semester hours in communication;

9 (2) three semester hours in mathematics;

10 (3) eight semester hours in laboratory
11 science;

12 (4) nine semester hours in social and
13 behavioral science; and

14 (5) nine semester hours in humanities and fine
15 arts.

16 B. In addition to the requirements specified in
17 Subsections A and C of this section, the department shall
18 require that a person seeking standard or alternative
19 elementary licensure shall have completed six hours of reading
20 courses, and a person seeking standard or alternative secondary
21 licensure shall have completed three hours of reading courses
22 in subject matter content. The department shall establish
23 requirements that provide a reasonable period of time to comply
24 with the provisions of this subsection.

25 C. Except for licensure by reciprocity, the

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1 department shall require, prior to initial licensure, no less
2 than [~~fourteen~~] sixteen weeks of student teaching, a portion of
3 which shall occur in the first thirty credit hours taken in the
4 college of education and shall be under the direct supervision
5 of a teacher and a portion of which shall occur in the
6 student's senior year with the student teacher being directly
7 responsible for the classroom.

8 D. Nothing in this section shall preclude the
9 department from establishing or accepting equivalent
10 requirements for purposes of reciprocal licensure or minimum
11 requirements for alternative licensure.

12 E. Vocational teacher preparatory programs may be
13 exempt from Subsections A through C of this section upon a
14 determination by the department that other licensure
15 requirements are more appropriate for vocational teacher
16 preparatory programs."

17 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
18 provisions of this act is July 1, 2015.