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CHAPTER 44

SENATE FLOOR SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE BILLS 153 & 126

Introduced by
CHAPTER 74

RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING AND ENACTING SECTIONS OF THE
SCHOOL PERSONNEL ACT TO STREAMLINE TEACHER ACCESS TO
ADMINISTRATIVE LICENSURE.

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

SECTION 1. Section 22-10A-11 NMSA 1978 (being Laws
2003, Chapter 153, Section 42, as amended) is amended to
read:

"22-10A-11. LEVEL THREE LICENSURE--TRACKS FOR
TEACHERS.---

A. A level three-A license is a nine-year license
granted to a teacher who meets the qualifications for that
level and who annually demonstrates instructional leader
competencies. If a level three-A teacher does not
demonstrate essential competency in a given school year, the
school district shall provide the teacher with additional
professional development and peer intervention during the
following school year. If by the end of that school year the
teacher fails to demonstrate essential competency, a school
district may choose not to contract with the teacher to teach
in the classroom.

B. The department shall grant a level three-A
license to an applicant who has been a level two teacher for
at least three years and holds a post-baccalaureate degree or
national board for professional teaching standards
certification; demonstrates instructional leader competence
as required by the department and verified by the local
superintendent through the highly objective uniform statewide
standard of evaluation; and meets other qualifications for
the license.

C. With the adoption by the department of a highly
objective uniform statewide standard of evaluation for level
three-A teachers, the minimum salary for a level three-A
teacher for a standard nine and one-half month contract shall
be fifty thousand dollars ($50,000)."

SECTION 2. A new section of the School Personnel Act is
enacted to read:

"LEVEL THREE-B ADMINISTRATOR'S LICENSE--TRACKS FOR
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR LICENSURE.--

A. A level three-B administrator's license is a
five-year license granted to an applicant who meets the
qualifications for that license. Licenses may be renewed
upon satisfactory annual demonstration of instructional
leader and administrative competency.

B. The department shall grant a level three-B
administrator's license to an applicant who:

(1) has completed a department-approved
administrator preparation program;

(2) holds a current level two or level three
teacher's license; and

(3) holds a post-baccalaureate degree or
national board for professional teaching standards
certification.

C. The minimum annual salary for a licensed school
principal or assistant school principal shall be fifty
thousand dollars ($50,000) multiplied by the applicable
responsibility factor.

D. The department shall adopt a highly objective
uniform statewide standard of evaluation, including data
sources linked to student achievement and an educational plan
for student success progress, for school principals and
assistant school principals and rules for the implementation
of that evaluation system linked to the level of
responsibility at each school level.

E. As used in this section, "level three-B
administrator's license" means a five-year license granted to
an applicant who meets the qualifications pursuant to this
section and department rules."

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
provisions of this act is July 1, 2015.
John A. Sanchez, President
Senate

Lenore M. Naranjo, Chief Clerk
Senate

Don L. Tripp, Speaker
House of Representatives

Denise Ramonas, Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

Approved by me this 24th day of April, 2015

Governor Susana Martinez
State of New Mexico