



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Bill Analysis

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(As Introduced)

Reps. Stein and Retherford, Koehler, Riedel, Brenner, Becker, Slaby

BILL SUMMARY

- Creates an alternative pathway for qualifying for a resident educator license.
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CONTENT AND OPERATION

The bill permits a person who does not have a bachelor's degree from a teacher preparation program or is a Teach for America participant to apply for a resident educator license, if that person has at least any other bachelor's degree and has successfully completed an alternative teacher certification program operated by a private, nonprofit organization. The organization must: (1) operate in at least five states, (2) have been operating an alternative teacher certification program for not less than ten years, (3) require candidates to pass a subject area examination and the Professional Teaching Knowledge Pedagogy Examination, or an equivalent pedagogy exam as determined by the Department of Education.¹

Once a person receives a resident educator license under the bill, the person must participate in the teacher residency program² and may, once qualified, continue on to apply for a professional educator license, as under current law.

The resident educator license is the standard entry-level license issued by the State Board of Education to teachers who have completed a teacher preparation program at a college or university. It is a four-year license that may be extended or renewed as necessary to complete the teacher residency program. That program provides for observation, mentorship, and other supports to new teachers.

¹ R.C. 3319.22(B)(1)(a).

² R.C. 3319.223, not in the bill.

HISTORY

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