

HOUSE BILL No. 1437

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-28-5-12.

Synopsis: Teacher education. Provides that an individual who seeks to obtain a teaching license must demonstrate proficiency in knowledge of best practices in providing classroom instruction to a student who is a child with a disability.

Effective: July 1, 2015.

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First Regular Session of the 119th General Assembly (2015)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 20-28-5-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.6-2012,
2 SECTION 136, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 12. (a) Subsection (b) does not
4 apply to an individual who held an Indiana limited, reciprocal, or
5 standard teaching license on June 30, 1985.
6 (b) The department may not grant an initial practitioner license to
7 an individual unless the individual has demonstrated proficiency in the
8 following areas on a written examination or through other procedures
9 prescribed by the department:
10 (1) Basic reading, writing, and mathematics.
11 (2) Pedagogy.
12 (3) Knowledge of the areas in which the individual is required to
13 have a license to teach.
14 (4) If the individual is seeking to be licensed as an elementary
15 school teacher, comprehensive scientifically based reading



- 1 instruction skills, including:
2 (A) phonemic awareness;
3 (B) phonics instruction;
4 (C) fluency;
5 (D) vocabulary; and
6 (E) comprehension.
- 7 **(5) Knowledge of best practices in providing classroom**
8 **instruction to a student who is a child with a disability (as**
9 **defined in IC 20-35-1-2).**
- 10 (c) An individual's license examination score may not be disclosed
11 by the department without the individual's consent unless specifically
12 required by state or federal statute or court order.
- 13 (d) The state board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to do the
14 following:
15 (1) Adopt, validate, and implement the examination or other
16 procedures required by subsection (b).
17 (2) Establish examination scores indicating proficiency.
18 (3) Otherwise carry out the purposes of this section.
- 19 (e) The state board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 establishing
20 the conditions under which the requirements of this section may be
21 waived for an individual holding a valid teacher's license issued by
22 another state.

