

SENATE BILL No. 445

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-28-3-10; IC 20-28-5.

Synopsis: Micro-credentialing. Requires the state board of education (state board) to establish a micro-credential program to supplement current teacher renewal requirements or that allows a micro-credential to be obtained as part of a professional growth plan. Requires the state board to approve one or more micro-credential programs to meet the state board's requirements. Provides that the state board shall prioritize certain criteria in establishing a micro-credential program. Requires the commission for higher education (commission) to study whether a micro-credential program can be used toward a master's degree. Requires the commission to submit a report to the state board about its findings.

Effective: July 1, 2020.

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January 16, 2020, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.



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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 20-28-3-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2020]: **Sec. 10. (a) The state board shall establish a**
4 **micro-credential program:**
5 (1) to supplement current teacher license renewal
6 requirements; or
7 (2) that allows a micro-credential to be obtained as part of a
8 professional growth plan.
9 (b) The state board shall establish requirements necessary for
10 a teacher to obtain a micro-credential.
11 (c) Before July 1, 2021, the state board shall approve one (1) or
12 more micro-credential programs to meet the requirements to
13 obtain micro-credentialing established by the state board under
14 subsection (b).
15 (d) The state board shall prioritize and consider when
16 establishing a micro-credential program under subsection (a) or
17 approving a micro-credential program under subsection (c)



1 **whether the micro-credential program:**

- 2 **(1) is meaningful or contributes to license renewal;**
 3 **(2) allows teachers to qualify for salary increases or bonuses;**
 4 **(3) allows teachers the opportunity for career advancement**
 5 **and leadership positions;**
 6 **(4) allows teachers to demonstrate, through**
 7 **micro-credentialing, the mastery of skills required for license**
 8 **renewal and supplemental payments;**
 9 **(5) addresses specific classroom instruction needs;**
 10 **(6) may allow teachers the ability to satisfy requirements for**
 11 **a master's degree or other credentials;**
 12 **(7) is aligned with state instructional priorities; and**
 13 **(8) is aligned with the state's overall strategy for teacher**
 14 **professional development.**

15 SECTION 2. IC 20-28-5-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.85-2017,
 16 SECTION 79, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 17 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 3. (a) The department shall designate the grade
 18 point average required for each type of license.

19 (b) The department shall determine details of licensing not provided
 20 in this chapter, including requirements regarding the following:

- 21 (1) The conversion of one (1) type of license into another.
 22 (2) The accreditation of teacher education schools and
 23 departments.
 24 (3) The exchange and renewal of licenses.
 25 (4) The endorsement of another state's license.
 26 (5) The acceptance of credentials from teacher education
 27 institutions of another state.
 28 (6) The academic and professional preparation for each type of
 29 license.
 30 (7) The granting of permission to teach a high school subject area
 31 related to the subject area for which the teacher holds a license.
 32 (8) The issuance of licenses on credentials.
 33 (9) The type of license required for each school position.
 34 (10) The size requirements for an elementary school requiring a
 35 licensed principal.
 36 **(11) The completion of micro-credentialing by teachers for**
 37 **license renewal.**
 38 ~~(12)~~ **(12) Any other related matters.**

39 The department shall establish at least one (1) system for renewing a
 40 teaching license that does not require a graduate degree.

41 (c) This subsection does not apply to an applicant for a substitute
 42 teacher license or to an individual granted a license under section 18



1 of this chapter. After June 30, 2011, the department may not issue an
 2 initial practitioner license at any grade level to an applicant for an
 3 initial practitioner license unless the applicant shows evidence that the
 4 applicant:

5 (1) has successfully completed training approved by the
 6 department in:

7 (A) cardiopulmonary resuscitation that includes a test
 8 demonstration on a mannequin;

9 (B) removing a foreign body causing an obstruction in an
 10 airway;

11 (C) the Heimlich maneuver; and

12 (D) the use of an automated external defibrillator;

13 (2) holds a valid certification in each of the procedures described
 14 in subdivision (1) issued by:

15 (A) the American Red Cross;

16 (B) the American Heart Association; or

17 (C) a comparable organization or institution approved by the
 18 state board; or

19 (3) has physical limitations that make it impracticable for the
 20 applicant to complete a course or certification described in
 21 subdivision (1) or (2).

22 The training in this subsection applies to a teacher (as defined in
 23 IC 20-18-2-22(b)).

24 (d) This subsection does not apply to an applicant for a substitute
 25 teacher license or to an individual granted a license under section 18
 26 of this chapter. After June 30, 2013, the department may not issue an
 27 initial teaching license at any grade level to an applicant for an initial
 28 teaching license unless the applicant shows evidence that the applicant
 29 has successfully completed education and training on the prevention of
 30 child suicide and the recognition of signs that a student may be
 31 considering suicide.

32 (e) This subsection does not apply to an applicant for a substitute
 33 teacher license. After June 30, 2012, the department may not issue a
 34 teaching license renewal at any grade level to an applicant unless the
 35 applicant shows evidence that the applicant:

36 (1) has successfully completed training approved by the
 37 department in:

38 (A) cardiopulmonary resuscitation that includes a test
 39 demonstration on a mannequin;

40 (B) removing a foreign body causing an obstruction in an
 41 airway;

42 (C) the Heimlich maneuver; and



- 1 (D) the use of an automated external defibrillator;
 2 (2) holds a valid certification in each of the procedures described
 3 in subdivision (1) issued by:
 4 (A) the American Red Cross;
 5 (B) the American Heart Association; or
 6 (C) a comparable organization or institution approved by the
 7 state board; or
 8 (3) has physical limitations that make it impracticable for the
 9 applicant to complete a course or certification described in
 10 subdivision (1) or (2).

- 11 (f) The department shall periodically publish bulletins regarding:
 12 (1) the details described in subsection (b);
 13 (2) information on the types of licenses issued;
 14 (3) the rules governing the issuance of each type of license; and
 15 (4) other similar matters.

16 SECTION 3. IC 20-28-5-25, AS ADDED BY P.L.143-2019,
 17 SECTION 20, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 18 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 25. (a) This section applies to a professional
 19 growth plan that begins after July 1, 2019.

20 (b) Fifteen (15) of the total number of professional growth
 21 experience points required to renew a practitioner license or an
 22 accomplished practitioner license must be obtained through the
 23 completion of one (1) or more of the following:

- 24 (1) An externship with a company.
 25 (2) Professional development provided by the state, a local
 26 business, or a community partner that provides opportunities for
 27 schools and employers to partner in promoting career navigation.
 28 (3) Professional development provided by the state, a local
 29 business, or a community partner that outlines the:

30 (A) current and future economic needs of the community,
 31 state, nation, and globe; and

32 (B) ways in which the current and future economic needs
 33 described in clause (A) can be disseminated to students.

34 **(4) A micro-credential program established or approved by**
 35 **the state board under IC 20-28-3-10.**

36 SECTION 4. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020] **(a) The definitions in**
 37 **IC 21-18-1 apply throughout this SECTION.**

38 **(b) The commission shall study the possible application of**
 39 **higher education program credits to individual master's degree**
 40 **programs for the following:**

- 41 **(1) Micro-credential attainment.**
 42 **(2) Classroom or other experience.**



- 1 **(3) Any other appropriate measure.**
- 2 **(c) Not later than July 1, 2021, the commission shall submit a**
- 3 **report of its findings to the:**
- 4 **(1) state board of education; and**
- 5 **(2) general assembly in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.**
- 6 **(d) This SECTION expires July 1, 2022.**

