

1 **TEACHER LICENSING AMENDMENTS**

2 2000 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Sponsor: Keele Johnson**

5 AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION; PROVIDING THAT A FIRST-TIME
6 APPLICANT FOR A LEVEL 1, 2, OR 3 TEACHER'S LICENSE SHALL TAKE AND MUST
7 PASS A BASIC SKILLS TEST AND DEMONSTRATE PROFICIENCY IN THE APPLICANT'S
8 SPECIFIC SUBJECT AREA; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TESTING
9 PROGRAM BY JANUARY 1, 2001; AND PROVIDING FOR A REPORT TO THE
10 LEGISLATURE'S INTERIM COMMITTEE.

11 This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

12 AMENDS:

13 **53A-6-106**, as repealed and reenacted by Chapter 108, Laws of Utah 1999

14 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

15 Section 1. Section **53A-6-106** is amended to read:

16 **53A-6-106. Qualifications of applicants for licenses -- Changes in qualifications.**

17 (1) The board shall establish by rule the scholarship, training, and experience required of
18 license applicants.

19 (2) (a) The board shall announce any increase in the requirements when made.

20 (b) An increase in requirements shall become effective not less than one year from the date
21 of the announcement.

22 (3) (a) The board [~~may~~] shall determine by examination [~~or otherwise~~] the qualifications
23 of [~~license~~] first-time applicants for a level 1, 2, or 3 license.

24 **(b)** An applicant under Subsection (3)(a) shall take and must pass a basic skills
25 examination and demonstrate subject matter proficiency in the applicant's specific subject area.

26 **(c)** (i) The board shall develop or select, in collaboration with the state's colleges of
27 education and local school boards, the instruments and procedures required to implement

28 Subsections (3)(a) and (b) by January 1, 2001.

29 (ii) The board shall monitor the results of the first year of the testing program under
30 Subsections (3)(a) and (b) and report those results to the Legislature's Education Interim
31 Committee prior to November 30, 2001, together with any recommendations for modification of
32 the program.

33 (4) (a) The board may determine by examination or otherwise the qualifications of
34 applicants for renewal of a level 1, 2, or 3 license.

35 (b) As used in Subsection (4)(a), renewal includes reinstatement of a lapsed, suspended,
36 or revoked license.

Legislative Review Note

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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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