

Senator Lincoln Fillmore proposes the following substitute bill:

**JOINT RESOLUTION ON TEACHER LICENSURE
STANDARDS FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY**

2016 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Lincoln Fillmore

House Sponsor: David E. Lifferth

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This joint resolution of the Legislature urges the State Board of Education to reevaluate teacher licensure standards to better prepare new teachers for classroom teaching in the twenty-first century.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ urges the State Board of Education to:
 - reevaluate standards related to teacher licensure;
 - reevaluate standards and take other action related to the student teaching experience; and
 - report to the Legislature on recommendations and actions taken in response to this resolution.

Special Clauses:

None

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

WHEREAS, it is of critical importance that those who are licensed as educators meet



26 high standards of competency;

27 WHEREAS, teacher licensure standards should reflect the changing expectations for
28 teaching in a classroom in the twenty-first century, including addressing the needs of each
29 student;

30 WHEREAS, instructional technology has the potential to make positive impacts for
31 students and teachers, if implemented effectively and with fidelity to provide immediate
32 feedback to students;

33 WHEREAS, potential for teacher preparation learning should be maximized during the
34 student teaching experience; and

35 WHEREAS, clear expectations should exist that delineate the roles of individuals and
36 entities participating in the student teaching experience:

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature urges the State Board of
38 Education to reevaluate teacher licensure requirements in a way that enhances the classroom
39 experience to ensure new teachers are learner ready, holding high expectations for each student
40 and taking responsibility for learner outcomes.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges the State Board of Education
42 to study and develop methods, approaches, and protocols that provide more embedded, direct
43 classroom experiences throughout the student teaching experience, resulting in demonstration
44 of competency.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges the State Board of Education
46 to determine the appropriate extent of clinical teaching experiences, including the student
47 teaching experience, and whether to include training in and use of instructional technology to
48 provide immediate feedback to students.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges the State Board of Education
50 to formalize procedures for the student teaching experience by requiring written agreements
51 between participating entities.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges the State Board of Education
53 to clarify expectations for a written agreement for clinical teaching experiences, including the
54 student teaching experience, by delineating the roles of and expectations between university or
55 college teacher preparation programs, teacher candidates, and school districts, including
56 provisions related to teachers who supervise student teachers.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges the State Board of Education
58 to report actions taken in response to this resolution to the Legislature's Education Interim
59 Committee on or before the committee's September 2016 meeting.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges the State Board of Education
61 to also report to the Education Interim Committee, at that same meeting, any recommendations
62 related to this resolution that may require legislation to implement.

63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the State Board
64 of Education and each of Utah's local school boards and charter school governing boards.