

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

3 2016 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Lincoln Fillmore**

6 House Sponsor: David E. Lifferth

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

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

13 **Highlighted Provisions:**

14 This resolution:

15 ▶ urges the State Board of Education to:

- 16 • reevaluate standards related to teacher licensure;
- 17 • reevaluate standards and take other action related to the student teaching
18 experience; and
- 19 • report to the Legislature on recommendations and actions taken in response to
20 this resolution.

21 **Special Clauses:**

22 None

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

25 WHEREAS, it is of critical importance that those who are licensed as educators meet
26 high standards for qualification;

27 WHEREAS, teacher licensure standards should reflect the changing expectations for



28 teaching in a classroom in the twenty-first century;

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

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

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

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature urges the State Board of
37 Education to reevaluate teacher licensure requirements in a way that enhances the classroom
38 experience to prepare new teachers for teaching in the twenty-first century.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges the State Board of Education
40 to study and develop methods, approaches, and protocols that provide more direct classroom
41 involvement during the student teaching experience.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges the State Board of Education
43 to determine whether to increase the number of required student teaching hours and whether to
44 include training in and use of instructional technology to provide immediate feedback to
45 students.

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

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

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

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges the State Board of Education
58 to also report to the Education Interim Committee, at that same meeting, any recommendations

59 related to this resolution that may require legislation to implement.

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

Legislative Review Note
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