

# HOUSE BILL No. 1388

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

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

**Synopsis:** Initial practitioner license. Provides that certain teaching examinations are waived for an individual who is a graduate of a teacher preparation program, unless the individual fails to obtain a teaching license within three (3) years of graduation.

**Effective:** July 1, 2026.

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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.194-2025,  
2 SECTION 1, AND P.L.214-2025, SECTION 112, IS AMENDED TO  
3 READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 12. (a)  
4 Subsection (b) does not apply to an individual who:  
5 (1) held an Indiana limited, reciprocal, or standard teaching  
6 license on June 30, 1985; or  
7 (2) is granted a license under section 12.5, 16.5, or 18 of this  
8 chapter.  
9 (b) Except as provided in sections 12.5 and 16.5 of this chapter, the  
10 department may not grant an initial practitioner license to an individual  
11 unless the individual has:  
12 (1) met the requirements of section 12.3 of this chapter; and  
13 (2) demonstrated proficiency in the following areas on a written  
14 examination or through other procedures prescribed by the  
15 department:  
16 (A) **Except as provided in subsection (f),** pedagogy.  
17 (B) Knowledge of the areas in which the individual is required



1 to have a license to teach.

2 (C) If the individual is seeking to be licensed as an elementary  
3 school teacher, comprehensive scientifically based reading  
4 instruction skills aligned to the science of reading.

5 (c) An individual's license examination score may not be disclosed  
6 by the department without the individual's consent unless specifically  
7 required by state or federal statute or court order.

8 (d) Subject to section 22 of this chapter, the state board shall adopt  
9 rules under IC 4-22-2 to do the following:

10 (1) Adopt, validate, and implement the examination or other  
11 procedures required by subsection (b).

12 (2) Establish examination scores indicating proficiency.

13 (3) Otherwise carry out the purposes of this section.

14 (e) Subject to section 18 of this chapter, the state board shall adopt  
15 rules under IC 4-22-2 establishing the conditions under which the  
16 requirements of this section may be waived for an individual holding  
17 a valid teacher's license issued by another state.

18 **(f) The written examination requirement described in subsection**  
19 **(b)(2)(A) is waived for an individual who is a graduate of a teacher**  
20 **preparation program, unless the individual fails to obtain a**  
21 **teaching license within three (3) years of graduation.**

