

HOUSE BILL No. 1418

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

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

Synopsis: Teacher licensing requirements. Provides that certain individuals seeking an initial practitioner license are exempt from certain licensing requirements.

Effective: July 1, 2026.

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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 **subsection (f) and** sections 12.5 and 16.5
10 of this chapter, the department may not grant an initial practitioner
11 license to an individual 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) 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) An individual seeking an initial practitioner license under**
- 19 **this chapter is exempt from the requirements under subsection**
- 20 **(b)(2)(B) if the individual meets the following criteria:**
- 21 **(1) The individual holds at least a bachelor's degree with a**
- 22 **grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 point scale from an**
- 23 **accredited postsecondary institution in the content or a**
- 24 **related area in which the individual wishes to teach.**
- 25 **(2) The individual is seeking a license in any of the following**
- 26 **content areas:**
- 27 **(A) Physical education, music, or art for a kindergarten**
- 28 **through grade 12 license.**
- 29 **(B) English/language arts, mathematics, reading, or health**
- 30 **for a grade 7 through grade 12 license.**

