

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

SB 204 # 7

DIGEST

Education matters. Amends an effective date. Removes a provision that allows the department of education to serve as an accreditor for teacher preparation programs. Amends requirements to obtain an initial practitioner professional educator license (instead of an initial practitioner license). Provides that the granting of an initial practitioner license to individuals who meet certain requirements does not includes licenses to teach special education.

- 1 Replace the effective date in SECTION 4 with "[EFFECTIVE JULY
 - 2 1, 2027]".
 - 3 Page 1, delete lines 1 through 15.
 - 4 Delete pages 2 through 3.
 - 5 Page 4, delete lines 1 through 36.
 - 6 Page 5, delete lines 13 through 18, begin a new paragraph and
 - 7 insert:
 - 8 "**(c) Subject to subsection (d), if an individual described in**
 - 9 **subsection (a) demonstrates effectiveness as a teacher, as**
 - 10 **determined by the applicable charter school leader, for not less**
 - 11 **than two (2) consecutive years, the individual shall be eligible to**
 - 12 **obtain an initial practitioner professional educator license for the**
 - 13 **content area in which the individual has taught."**
 - 14 Page 5, line 19, after "practitioner" insert "**professional educator**".
 - 15 Page 5, line 24, after "practitioner" insert "**professional educator**".
 - 16 Page 5, line 29, delete "The" and insert "**Except as provided in**
 - 17 **subsection (c), the**".
 - 18 Page 6, line 6, after "(v)" insert "**if applicable,**".
 - 19 Page 7, between lines 7 and 8, begin a new paragraph and insert:
 - 20 "**(c) The department may not grant an initial practitioner license**
 - 21 **under this section to teach special education."**
 - 22 Page 7, line 8, strike "(c)" and insert "**(d)**".
 - 23 Re-number all SECTIONS consecutively.
- (Reference is to SB 204 as printed January 23, 2026.)