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AN ACT

RELATING TO TEACHER LICENSURE; PROVIDING FOR A LICENSE
ENDORSEMENT FOR SECONDARY COMPUTER SCIENCE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 22-10A-6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1986,
Chapter 33, Section 8, as amended) is amended to read:

"22-10A-6. EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE.--

A. The department shall require a person seeking
licensure or reciprocity in elementary, special, early
childhood or secondary education to have completed the
following minimum requirements in the college of arts and
sciences:

- (1) nine semester hours in communication;
- (2) six semester hours in mathematics;
- (3) eight semester hours in laboratory
science;
- (4) nine semester hours in social and
behavioral science; and
- (5) nine semester hours in humanities and
fine arts.

B. In addition to the requirements specified in
Subsections A and C of this section, the department shall
require that a person seeking standard or alternative
elementary licensure shall have completed six hours of

1 reading courses, and a person seeking standard or alternative
2 secondary licensure shall have completed three hours of
3 reading courses in subject matter content. The department
4 shall establish requirements that provide a reasonable period
5 of time to comply with the provisions of this subsection.

6 C. Except for licensure by reciprocity, the
7 department shall require, prior to initial licensure, no less
8 than sixteen weeks of student teaching, a portion of which
9 shall occur in the first thirty credit hours taken in the
10 college of education and shall be under the direct
11 supervision of a teacher and a portion of which shall occur
12 in the student's senior year with the student teacher being
13 directly responsible for the classroom.

14 D. Nothing in this section shall preclude the
15 department from establishing or accepting equivalent
16 requirements for purposes of reciprocal licensure or minimum
17 requirements for alternative licensure.

18 E. Vocational teacher preparatory programs may be
19 exempt from Subsections A through C of this section upon a
20 determination by the department that other licensure
21 requirements are more appropriate for vocational teacher
22 preparatory programs.

23 F. Before December 31, 2021, the department shall
24 create a license endorsement in secondary computer science
25 available to all teachers who hold a valid license and

1 demonstrate sufficient content knowledge in computer science
2 as determined by the department. The department shall consult
3 with computer science education experts with experience in
4 creating or supporting computer science endorsement pathways
5 when developing computer science endorsement requirements."

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