

1 SENATE BILL 361

2 **50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO SCHOOL PERSONNEL; ALLOWING A SUBJECT-AREA
12 EXAMINATION AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO SUBJECT-AREA CREDIT HOURS FOR
13 ALTERNATIVE LEVEL ONE LICENSURE.

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

16 SECTION 1. Section 22-10A-8 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2003,
17 Chapter 153, Section 39, as amended) is amended to read:

18 "22-10A-8. ALTERNATIVE LEVEL ONE LICENSE.--

19 A. The department shall issue an alternative level
20 one license to a person who is at least eighteen years of age
21 and who has:

22 (1) completed a baccalaureate degree at an
23 accredited institution of higher education, including
24 completion of a minimum of thirty credit hours at either the
25 undergraduate or graduate level in the subject area of

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1 instruction for which the person is applying for a license or a
2 passing score on a state-approved subject-area examination in
3 the subject area of instruction for which the person is
4 applying for a license; or

5 (2) completed a master's degree at an
6 accredited institution of higher education, including
7 completion of a minimum of twelve graduate credit hours in the
8 subject area of instruction for which the person is applying
9 for a license; or

10 (3) completed a doctoral or law degree at an
11 accredited institution of higher education; and

12 (4) passed the New Mexico teacher assessments
13 examination; and

14 (5) completed a minimum of twelve semester
15 hours of instruction in teaching principles in a program
16 approved by the department; or

17 (6) demonstrated to the department, in
18 conjunction with the school district or state agency, that the
19 person has met the department-approved competencies for level
20 one teachers that correspond to the grade level that will be
21 taught.

22 B. A degree or examination referred to in
23 Subsection A of this section shall correspond to the subject
24 area of instruction and the particular grade level that will
25 enable the applicant to teach in a competent manner as

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1 determined by the department.

2 C. An alternative level one teacher shall
3 participate in the same mentorship, evaluation and other
4 professional development requirements as other level one
5 teachers.

6 D. A school district or state agency shall not
7 discriminate against a teacher on the basis that the teacher
8 holds an alternative level one license.

9 E. The department shall provide by rule for
10 training and other requirements to support the use of
11 unlicensed content area experts as resources in classrooms,
12 team teaching, on-line instruction, curriculum development and
13 other purposes."