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HOUSE BILL 189

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

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FOR THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOL PERSONNEL; PROVIDING FOR AN ALTERNATIVE
LICENSURE ASSESSMENT FOR TEACHERS WHO ARE DEAF OR HARD OF
HEARING; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Section 1. A new section of the School Personnel Act is
enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] DEAF AND HARD-OF-HEARING TEACHERS--
ALTERNATIVE LICENSURE ASSESSMENT--SAVING PROVISION.--

A. A person who has a degree from an accredited
teacher education program and who is deaf or hard of hearing
may elect to demonstrate competency for a level one, two or
three license through a portfolio assessment in lieu of all or
part of the New Mexico teacher assessment. A person who is
deaf or hard of hearing may apply for a lower level of

1 licensure if the person's portfolio assessment does not qualify
2 the person for a higher level. The department shall promulgate
3 rules on the requirements for the portfolio assessment and for
4 who is eligible for licensure pursuant to this section. The
5 department shall provide a process for portfolio review that
6 includes the designation of a review committee consisting of:

- 7 (1) a teacher of deaf and hard-of-hearing
8 students;
- 9 (2) a sign language interpreter;
- 10 (3) a school administrator from the New Mexico
11 school for the deaf;
- 12 (4) the parent of a deaf or hard-of-hearing
13 student;
- 14 (5) a deaf or hard-of-hearing teacher, if one
15 is available; and
- 16 (6) other appropriate persons as determined by
17 the department.

18 B. Until the rules have been effective for a period
19 deemed sufficient by the department for a deaf or hard-of-
20 hearing person to submit a portfolio, any eligible deaf or
21 hard-of-hearing person who has a degree from an accredited
22 teacher education program shall be granted a temporary teaching
23 license for the level of licensure for which the person will
24 likely qualify when the person's portfolio is submitted to the
25 department. The temporary teaching license shall be effective

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1 for no longer than two school years.

2 Section 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public
3 peace. health and safety that this act take effect immediately.

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