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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:
SECTION 1. Section 22-10A-8 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2003,
Chapter 153, Section 39, as amended) is amended to read:

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

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

(1) has completed a baccalaureate degree at
an accredited institution of higher education and has
received a passing score on a state-approved subject-area
examination in the subject area of instruction for which the
person is applying for a license; or

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

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

(4) has passed the New Mexico teacher

1 assessments examination; and

2 (5) within two years of beginning teaching,
3 completes a minimum of twelve semester hours of instruction
4 in teaching principles in a program approved by the
5 department; or

6 (6) demonstrated to the department, in
7 conjunction with the school district or state agency, that
8 the person has met the department-approved competencies for
9 level one teachers that correspond to the grade level that
10 will be taught.

11 B. A degree or examination referred to in
12 Subsection A of this section shall correspond to the subject
13 area of instruction and the particular grade level that will
14 enable the applicant to teach in a competent manner as
15 determined by the department.

16 C. An alternative level one teacher shall
17 participate in the same mentorship, evaluation and other
18 professional development requirements as other level one
19 teachers.

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

23 E. The department shall provide by rule for
24 training and other requirements to support the use of
25 unlicensed content area experts as resources in classrooms,

1 team teaching, on-line instruction, curriculum development and
2 other purposes." _____

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