

SENATE FILE NO. SF0168

Alternative teaching certificate.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Laursen, D, Ide and Kolb and
Representative(s) Clouston

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to certification of teachers; modifying the
2 duties of the professional teaching standards board;
3 creating an alternative teacher certificate for K-12
4 teachers; establishing requirements for alternative
5 certification; and providing for an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-2-802(a)(ii) by creating new
10 subparagraphs (D) through (F) is amended to read:

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12 **21-2-802. Powers and duties; teacher certification;**
13 **suspension and revocation; certification fees; disposition**
14 **of collected fees; required data submissions to department**
15 **of education.**

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2 (a) The board shall promulgate rules and regulations:

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4 (ii) In addition to paragraph (a)(i) of this
5 section, the board shall by rule and regulation provide
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8 (D) Alternative certification of teachers
9 that requires a bachelor's degree from an accredited
10 college or university and successful completion of
11 alternative certification program that at a minimum:

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13 (I) Operates in not less than five (5)
14 states;

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16 (II) Has operated an alternative
17 teacher certification program for not less than ten (10)
18 years; and

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20 (III) Requires passage of a subject
21 area and pedagogy examination, known as the professional
22 teaching knowledge examination, to receive certification.

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1 (E) Alternative certifications under
2 subparagraph (D) of this paragraph in the following subject
3 areas:

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5 (I) Elementary education;

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7 (II) Elementary education with a
8 reading endorsement;

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10 (III) English language arts;

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12 (IV) United States and world history;

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14 (V) Mathematics;

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16 (VI) General science;

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18 (VII) Biology;

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20 (VIII) Chemistry;

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22 (IX) Physics;

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(X) Special education; and

(XI) Career technical education.

(F) Issuance of an alternative
certification under subparagraph (D) of this paragraph
only for the subject areas and grade levels successfully
completed by the applicant.

Section 2. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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