

HOUSE BILL No. 2347

By Committee on Education

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9 AN ACT concerning teachers; concerning teacher education programs;
10 concerning requirements for licensure and renewal thereof.

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12 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

13 Section 1. From and after July 1, 2009, all teacher education pro-
14 grams shall include coursework on the needs and characteristics of gifted
15 learners.

16 Sec. 2. (a) From and after July 1, 2011, any beginning teacher seek-
17 ing initial licensure shall have completed at least one course on the needs
18 and characteristics of gifted learners.

19 (b) From and after July 1, 2011, any teacher seeking renewal of such
20 teacher's license shall complete at least 10 clock hours of professional
21 development on the needs and characteristics of gifted learners. At least
22 five of such clock hours shall be focused on the specific needs of the
23 under-represented special populations in gifted education.

24 As used in this section, "under-represented populations" means those
25 populations of students as determined and specified by the state board
26 of education as under-represented in gifted education programs.

27 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
28 publication in the statute book.