

SENATE BILL No. 430

By Committee on Ways and Means

3-10

1 AN ACT concerning teachers; relating to teacher licensure.

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

4 Section 1. (a) As used in this section:

5 (1) "Applicant" means a person who:

6 (A) Is seeking licensure as a teacher at the secondary level in the state
7 of Kansas; and

8 (B) has provided documentation to the state board verifying that the
9 applicant has secured a commitment from the board of education of a
10 school district to be hired as a teacher in such school district subject to
11 receiving such licensure as a teacher.

12 (2) "Career technical education" shall have the same meaning as such
13 term is defined in K.S.A. 72-4412, and amendments thereto.

14 (3) "Teacher preparation program" means professional education
15 pedagogy coursework provided at an accredited college or university
16 engaged in teacher preparation.

17 (4) "State board" means the state board of education.

18 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an applicant shall not
19 be required to complete a teacher preparation program prior to licensure as
20 a teacher if such applicant satisfies one of the following:

21 (1) The applicant holds a valid teaching license from another
22 jurisdiction and has obtained the required scores on the Praxis series tests
23 as required by the state board for a licensure;

24 (2) the applicant has obtained an industry-recognized certificate in a
25 technical profession, has at least five years of work experience in such
26 technical profession and has secured a commitment from the board of
27 education of a school district to be hired as a teacher to teach a career
28 technical education course related to such technical profession; or

29 (3) the applicant has obtained at least a bachelor's degree in one of the
30 following subject matter areas: (1) Science; (2) technology; (3)
31 engineering; or (4) math, has at least five years of work experience in such
32 subject matter area and has secured a commitment from the board of
33 education of a school district to be hired as a teacher to teach in such
34 subject matter area.

35 (c) An applicant shall only be authorized to teach in the subject or
36 subjects specified on the face of the license.

1 (d) The state board shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to
2 carry out the provisions of this section.

3 (e) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the provisions of
4 article 13 of chapter 72 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments
5 thereto.

6 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
7 publication in the statute book.