

PROPOSED

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO S.B. 1403

(Reference to printed bill)

1 Page 3, between lines 19 and 20, insert:

2 "Sec. 2. Section 15-501.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 15-501.01. Requirements for teachers; teaching certificates;  
5 rules; reciprocity; placement

6 A. Notwithstanding any other law, all teachers who are certificated  
7 pursuant to this section must have a baccalaureate degree and a valid  
8 fingerprint clearance card.

9 B. The state board of education shall adopt rules for the issuance  
10 of the following types of certificates for teachers to reflect the source  
11 of the training the teacher obtains:

12 1. Standard teaching certificate.

13 2. Alternative teaching certificate for persons who obtain training  
14 pursuant to subsection C, paragraph 1 of this section.

15 3. Subject-matter expert standard teaching certificate for persons  
16 who obtain training pursuant to subsection C, paragraph 5 of this section.

17 4. Classroom-based standard teaching certificate for persons who  
18 obtain training from a school district or charter school.

19 5. Career and technical education teaching certificate.

20 C. The state board of education shall adopt rules to carry out the  
21 purposes of this section. The rules:

22 1. Shall provide for a variety of alternative teacher and  
23 administrator preparation programs that allow for variations in program  
24 sequence and design to apply for program approval. The state board shall  
25 adopt rules pursuant to this paragraph designed to allow for a variety of  
26 formats and shall not require a prescribed answer or design from the

1 program provider in order to obtain approval from the state board. Any  
2 rules adopted by the state board pursuant to this paragraph shall be  
3 substantially different from the rules adopted for the approval of  
4 traditional preparation programs and may not unnecessarily restrict a  
5 variety of alternative preparation programs from operating and providing  
6 instruction in this state. The state board shall evaluate each program  
7 provider based on the program's ability to prepare teachers and  
8 administrators and to recruit teachers and administrators with a variety of  
9 experiences and talents. The state board shall allow universities under  
10 the jurisdiction of the Arizona board of regents, community colleges in  
11 this state, private postsecondary institutions licensed by this state,  
12 school districts, charter schools, professional organizations, nonprofit  
13 organizations and private entities to apply for program approval and shall  
14 create application procedures and certification criteria that are  
15 substantially less restrictive than those for traditional preparation  
16 programs. At the completion of an alternative preparation program,  
17 graduates shall:

18 (a) Hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited postsecondary  
19 education institution.

20 (b) If applicable, demonstrate professional knowledge and subject  
21 knowledge proficiency pursuant to section 15-533.

22 (c) Obtain a valid fingerprint clearance card pursuant to section  
23 15-534.

24 (d) If applicable, complete training in structured English immersion  
25 as prescribed by the state board pursuant to section 15-756.09.

26 (e) If applicable, complete training in research-based systematic  
27 phonics instruction as prescribed in paragraph 2 of this subsection.

28 (f) Demonstrate the required proficiency in the Constitutions of the  
29 United States and Arizona as prescribed in section 15-532.

30 2. Shall require applicants for all certificates for common school  
31 instruction to complete, from a public or private provider, at least  
32 forty-five classroom hours or three college-level credit hours, or the  
33 equivalent, in both research-based:

1           (a) SCIENCE OF READING INSTRUCTION INCLUDING systematic phonics  
2 instruction.

3           (b) Reading instruction, including training on assessments,  
4 instructional practices and interventions to improve student reading  
5 proficiency. Beginning July 1, 2021, instruction provided pursuant to this  
6 subdivision must meet the requirements for dyslexia training prescribed in  
7 section 15-219.

8           3. Shall not require a teacher to obtain a master's degree or to  
9 take any additional graduate courses as a condition of certification or  
10 recertification.

11           4. Shall allow but shall not require the superintendent of a school  
12 district to obtain certification from the state board of education.

13           5. Shall provide for the issuance of a subject-matter expert  
14 standard teaching certificate to persons who have expertise in a content  
15 area or subject matter. Persons who are certified pursuant to this  
16 paragraph shall complete training, if applicable, in structured English  
17 immersion as prescribed by the state board pursuant to section 15-756.09.  
18 Persons who are certified pursuant to this paragraph are exempt from the  
19 subject knowledge proficiency requirements prescribed in section 15-533 and  
20 from the proficiency requirements prescribed in section 15-532 on the  
21 Constitutions of the United States and Arizona. Persons who are subject to  
22 subdivision (a) of this paragraph are also exempt from the professional  
23 knowledge proficiency requirements pursuant to section 15-533. A person  
24 who obtains a subject-matter expert standard teaching certificate pursuant  
25 to this paragraph may provide instruction in the person's field of  
26 expertise in grades six through twelve at any public school in this state.  
27 Issuance of the subject-matter expert standard teaching certificate may not  
28 be conditioned on the person's employment with a local education agency. A  
29 person who meets the requirements of this paragraph shall be issued a  
30 subject-matter expert standard teaching certificate without having to  
31 demonstrate professional knowledge proficiency pursuant to section 15-533,  
32 except that the person shall have at least two years to demonstrate  
33 professional knowledge proficiency pursuant to section 15-533. School  
34 districts shall evaluate and provide support pursuant to section 15-537 to

1 teachers who are certified pursuant to this paragraph. If a person fails  
2 to meet the professional knowledge requirements of this section within two  
3 years, the department of education or state board of education may  
4 temporarily suspend the subject-matter expert standard teaching  
5 certificate. A certificate that is temporarily suspended pursuant to this  
6 paragraph is not considered a disciplinary action, and a person shall be  
7 allowed to correct the deficiency within the remaining time of the  
8 subject-matter expert standard teaching certification. This paragraph does  
9 not require a person who has obtained another type of teaching certificate  
10 from the state board to obtain a subject-matter expert standard teaching  
11 certificate pursuant to this paragraph in order to provide instruction in  
12 grades six through twelve. A person is eligible for a subject-matter  
13 expert standard teaching certificate pursuant to this paragraph if the  
14 person has a baccalaureate degree and meets any of the following  
15 requirements:

16 (a) Has taught courses relevant to a content area or subject matter  
17 for the last two consecutive years and for a total of at least three years  
18 at one or more regionally or nationally accredited public or private  
19 postsecondary institutions. A person demonstrates compliance with this  
20 requirement by providing the state board with written proof of employment  
21 for specific durations from one or more qualifying postsecondary  
22 institutions.

23 (b) Has either a baccalaureate degree, a master's degree or a  
24 doctoral degree in a specific subject area that is relevant to a content  
25 area or subject matter taught in public schools.

26 (c) Demonstrates expertise through relevant work experience of at  
27 least five years in a field that is relevant to a content area or subject  
28 matter taught in public schools. A person demonstrates compliance with  
29 this requirement by providing the state board with written proof of  
30 employment.

31 6. Notwithstanding section 15-533, shall exempt persons applying for  
32 a secondary education certificate from the subject knowledge portion of the  
33 proficiency examination if the state board determines that the person has  
34 work experience in science, technology, engineering or mathematics and can

1 demonstrate adequate knowledge of a particular subject through a  
2 postsecondary education degree or twenty-four credit hours of relevant  
3 coursework.

4 7. Shall allow for a certificate issued to a person pursuant to  
5 subsection B, paragraph 1, 3, 4 or 5 of this section or section 15-203 or  
6 15-782.01, as applicable, to be both issued and renewed for at least twelve  
7 years and may not require more than fifteen hours of continuing education  
8 credits each year in order to renew that certificate pursuant to this  
9 paragraph.

10 8. Shall allow for a certificate issued to a person pursuant to  
11 subsection B of this section or section 15-132, 15-203 or 15-782.01, as  
12 applicable, and any endorsement or approved area related to that  
13 certificate, to be renewed at least two years but not more than ten years  
14 after that certificate expires without any other requirements adopted by  
15 the state board of education or the department of education if the person  
16 is in good standing, has at least ten years of verified full-time  
17 experience in this state in the area in which the person is seeking renewed  
18 certification and possesses a valid fingerprint clearance card issued  
19 pursuant to section 15-534. A certificate renewed pursuant to this  
20 paragraph shall be identical to the expired certificate.

21 D. The rules for certification reciprocity shall include a  
22 requirement that the applicant possess a comparable valid certification  
23 from another state and be in good standing with that other state. An  
24 applicant who possesses a valid certification from another state and a  
25 fingerprint clearance card pursuant to section 15-534 and who is in good  
26 standing with that other state shall be issued a comparable standard  
27 certificate or a comparable certificate issued pursuant to section 15-132,  
28 15-203 or 15-782.01, as applicable, without any other requirements from the  
29 state board of education or the department of education. A person who is  
30 issued a certificate pursuant to this subsection is not required to meet  
31 any requirement prescribed in section 15-533.

32 E. Placement decisions of teaching intern certificate holders issued  
33 pursuant to subsection C, paragraph 1 of this section and section 15-552  
34 shall be based on agreements between the teacher preparation provider, the

1 provider's partner organizations and the local education agency. The  
2 practices of the department of education and the rules and policies of the  
3 state board of education may not restrict placement of teaching intern  
4 certification holders based on local education agency instructional models  
5 and may only consider the academic quality of the school, the effectiveness  
6 of the teaching intern certification holder's on-site mentor and the  
7 opportunity for a wide variety of schools and school models to access  
8 teaching intern certification holders.

9 F. Notwithstanding subsection A of this section, the following  
10 persons are not required to have a baccalaureate degree:

11 1. A teacher who is otherwise exempt by law from obtaining a  
12 baccalaureate degree and who provides instruction in STEM or career and  
13 technical education pursuant to section 15-782.01.

14 2. A person who obtains any of the following:

15 (a) A Native American language certificate.

16 (b) A student teaching intern certificate.

17 (c) A junior reserve officer training corps certificate.

18 (d) An athletic coaching certificate.

19 (e) An emergency substitute certificate.

20 Sec. 3. Section 15-533, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
21 read:

22 15-533. Proficiency examination; examination reciprocity

23 A. To qualify for a standard teaching certificate, or equivalent  
24 certificate later adopted by the state board of education, a person must  
25 pass each component of the proficiency examination developed and  
26 administered by the state board of education. The proficiency examination  
27 shall consist of only a professional knowledge test and a subject knowledge  
28 test. ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2023 THE SUBJECT KNOWLEDGE TEST FOR EARLY  
29 CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND ELEMENTARY EDUCATION MUST INCLUDE AN EXAMINATION ON  
30 READING INSTRUCTION TO ENSURE THAT CANDIDATES FOR CERTIFICATION ARE  
31 PREPARED FOR READING INSTRUCTION.

32 B. A person is not required to take the examination if the person  
33 possesses a comparable valid certification from another state and is in

1 good standing with that other state pursuant to section ~~15-203, subsection~~  
2 ~~A, paragraph 27~~ 15-501.01, SUBSECTION D.

3 C. A person who is applying for a standard TEACHING certificate, or  
4 any other certificate adopted by the state board of education, is not  
5 required to take the professional knowledge test, the subject knowledge  
6 test or the entire proficiency examination if the person has passed  
7 corresponding portions of an examination adopted by a state agency in  
8 another state that is substantially similar to the examination adopted by  
9 the state board of education. A person who is applying for a standard  
10 TEACHING certificate, or any other certificate adopted by the state board  
11 of education, is not required to take any portion of the proficiency  
12 examination if the person has been a full-time teacher in any state,  
13 including this state, for at least three years in the same area of  
14 certification in which the person is applying for certification in this  
15 state.

16 D. An applicant for a standard TEACHING certificate or any other  
17 certificate adopted by the state board of education may demonstrate subject  
18 knowledge proficiency instead of taking the subject knowledge test required  
19 pursuant to this section by meeting any of the following:

20 1. Has taught courses relevant to a content area or subject matter  
21 for the last two consecutive years and for a total of at least three years  
22 at one or more regionally or nationally accredited public or private  
23 postsecondary institutions. ★ THE person shall demonstrate compliance with  
24 this requirement by providing the state board with written proof of  
25 employment for specific durations from one or more qualifying postsecondary  
26 institutions.

27 2. Has either a baccalaureate degree, a master's degree or a  
28 doctoral degree in a subject area that is relevant to a content area or  
29 subject matter taught in public schools.

30 3. Demonstrates expertise through relevant work experience of at  
31 least five years in a field that is relevant to a content area or subject  
32 matter taught in public schools. ★ THE person shall demonstrate compliance  
33 with this requirement by providing the state board with written proof of  
34 employment.

1           E. A person who obtained structured English immersion training in  
2 another state that the state board of education determines is comparable to  
3 the structured English immersion training required in this state ~~shall~~ IS  
4 not ~~be~~ required to obtain additional structured English immersion training  
5 in this state pursuant to section 15-756.09.

6           F. The state board of education may grant a standard teaching  
7 certificate for at least three years to a teacher who has not met the  
8 requirements of this section at the time of application.

9           G. A person is not required to pass the proficiency examination or  
10 the equivalent examination more than once. The state board of education  
11 may adopt rules to modify the requirements of subsection B or C of this  
12 section for persons who have taught, obtained certification or obtained a  
13 master's degree in another country.

14           H. A person who is not required to pass the proficiency examination  
15 developed and administered in this state by the state board of education  
16 pursuant to this section shall only be granted reciprocity for those  
17 proficiency examinations required in this state that pertain to the grade  
18 levels and content areas that the person is certified to teach in another  
19 state."

20 Renumber to conform

21 Amend title to conform

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