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Overview

Directs the Board of Teaching to license in an additional subject area an otherwise qualified teacher who receives a passing score on the appropriate Praxis II subject area exam.

Section

- 1 License and rules.** (o) Directs the Board of Teaching to license in an additional subject area an otherwise qualified teacher who is recommended by the district superintendent to pursue licensure in an additional subject area and receives a passing score on the appropriate Praxis II subject area exam. Declares that licensure under this paragraph is valid only for the grade levels for which the teacher was licensed to teach before taking the Praxis II exam unless the district superintendent defines a professional classroom teaching license as a nonvocational license to teach elementary or secondary school subjects, K-12 subjects or a secondary vocational license based on degree requirements in certain education areas and excludes special education, English language learning and other licenses not specifically listed. Requires teachers seeking additional licensure under this paragraph to pay the exam costs.

Makes this section effective for the 2006-2007 school year and later.