Overview

Allows persons who have completed a teacher preparation program in another state to complete a board of teaching-approved reading, writing and math skills exam, undergo a criminal history background check, document successful K-12 experience and provide personal references in order to receive a one-year alternative Minnesota teaching license. Makes such persons' receipt of a continuing teaching license under this provision dependent upon a favorable recommendation of a mentoring team formed in the employing school district.

1 Applicants trained in other states.

Subd. 2. Alternative. Directs the board of teaching to issue an alternative one-year Minnesota teaching license to an applicant who:

(1) holds a comparable post-secondary degree or diploma from another state granted for completing a teacher preparation program;
(2) successfully completes a reading, writing and math skills exam approved by the board of teaching;
(3) undergoes a background check and is eligible to be licensed by the board of teaching; and
(4) documents successful and significant experience as a K-12 teacher and provides personal references.

Directs a school district that hires a teacher under this provision to name a mentorship team for the teacher. Directs the mentorship team to evaluate the teacher for the board of teaching and recommend whether the teacher should receive a continuing license. Directs the board to issue a continuing license upon receiving a favorable recommendation. Allows the board, upon receiving a disfavorable recommendation, to renew the alternative one-year license or decline to further consider the applicant for a license under this provision, at its discretion.