

HB342 ENGROSSED



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2 By Representative DuBose
3 RFD: Education Policy
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5 A BILL
6 TO BE ENTITLED
7 AN ACT

9 Relating to alternative teacher preparation programs
10 and teacher certification; to amend Section 2 of Act 2022-239,
11 2022 Regular Session, now appearing as Section 16-23-3.1, Code
12 of Alabama 1975, to provide additional requirements for
13 programs.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

15 Section 1. Section 2 of Act 2022-239, 2022 Regular
16 Session, now appearing as Section 16-23-3.1, Code of Alabama
17 1975, is amended to read as follows:

18 "§16-23-3.1



29 to a qualified individual who completes an approved
30 alternative teacher preparation program.

31 (b) The State Superintendent of Education shall
32 maintain a database of alternative teacher education
33 preparation organizations, approved by the State Board of
34 Education, as a means for screening, recruiting, and
35 recommending for certification qualified individuals to teach
36 in the public K-12 schools. An approved alternative teacher
37 education preparation organization, ~~at a minimum,~~ shall
38 require each applicant whom the approved organization
39 recommends for initial licensure to satisfy all of the
40 following:

41 (1) Hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited
42 institution of higher education which offers, at a minimum,
43 junior and senior level courses of instruction.

44 (2) Successfully pass a criminal history background
45 information check.

46 (3) Successfully complete an alternative teacher
47 preparation program offered by the approved organization.

48 (c) ~~In Any provision of law to the contrary~~
49 ~~notwithstanding, in~~ determining which alternative teacher
50 education preparation organizations to approve, the State
51 Board of Education, ~~may~~ shall consider ~~prerequisites~~
52 ~~including, but not limited to,~~ only the following
53 prerequisites:

54 (1) Successful operation in at least five states and
55 shall not be on probation in any of those states. This
56 requirement does not apply to two-year or four-year



57 institutions of higher education operating in the state with
58 state-approved programs.

59 (2) Successful operation of an alternative teacher
60 education preparation program for at least 10 years.

61 (3) Requirement that an applicant pass ~~a subject area~~
62 ~~examination, professional teaching examination, or both~~ an
63 examination that is substantively aligned with Alabama
64 standards in subject area, pedagogy, or both ~~an examination~~
65 that is substantively aligned with Alabama standards in
66 subject area, pedagogy, or both.

67 (4) Evidence of successfully certifying at least 10,000
68 teachers in the United States. This requirement does not apply
69 to two-year or four-year institutions of higher education
70 operating in the state with state-approved programs.

71 (5) If an alternative teacher education preparation
72 organization does not satisfy the prerequisites provided in
73 subdivisions (1) through (4), the alternative teacher
74 education preparation organization may be approved if
75 certified by the Council for the Accreditation of Education
76 Preparation.

77 (d) An individual who is granted a professional
78 educator certificate pursuant to this section may teach in the
79 subject areas and at the educational levels he or she has
80 successfully completed through the alternative teacher
81 preparation program offered by the approved alternative
82 teacher education preparation organization.

83 (e) An individual who holds a professional educator
84 certificate pursuant to this section may apply for a



85 professional renewal license and shall in all other respects
86 be treated in the same manner as an individual who holds a
87 professional educator certificate granted upon successful
88 completion of traditional, in-state teaching certification
89 programs.

90 (f) An approved alternative teacher education
91 preparation organization shall submit a detailed report to the
92 State Board of Education annually detailing the number of
93 individuals who completed the program during that year.

94 (g) Upon receiving an alternative certificate to teach
95 pursuant to this section, the teacher shall participate in the
96 Alabama Teacher Mentorship Program if hired by a local board
97 of education that participates in the program. ~~were enrolled~~
98 in the program and the number of individuals who completed the
99 program during that year."

100 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the first
101 day of the third month following its passage and approval by
102 the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.



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House of Representatives

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122 Clerk
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