

E & R AMENDMENTS TO LB 314

1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments
2 thereto and insert the following new sections:

3 "Section 1. Section 79-808, Reissue Revised Statutes of
4 Nebraska, is amended to read:

5 79-808. (1) The board shall establish, adopt, and
6 promulgate appropriate rules, regulations, and procedures governing
7 the issuance, renewal, conversion, revival, cancellation,
8 suspension, and revocation of certificates and permits to teach,
9 counsel, supervise, and administer in all elementary and secondary
10 schools in this state based upon (a) earned college credit in
11 humanities, social and natural sciences, mathematics, and practical
12 arts, (b) earned college credit, or its equivalent in professional
13 education, for particular teaching, counseling, supervisory, or
14 administrative assignments, (c) scholarship attained in earning
15 such credit, (d) training in human relations, ~~which requirement~~
16 ~~shall apply to the issuance of first certificates or permits issued~~
17 ~~after January 1, 1990, and to the issuance of renewal certificates~~
18 ~~or permits issued after January 1, 1993,~~ (e) successful teaching,
19 and (f) moral, mental, and physical fitness for teaching, all in
20 accordance with sound educational practices.

21 (2)(a) The board shall establish or designate basic
22 skills competency examinations for prospective teachers. The
23 examinations shall measure competency in the written use of the
24 English language, competency to read, comprehend, and interpret

1 professional writing and other written materials, and competency to
2 work with fundamental mathematical computations.

3 (b) ~~No~~ Except as provided otherwise in this subdivision,
4 a candidate applying for an entry-level teacher or administrator
5 certificate after July 31, 1989, shall not receive a certificate
6 unless such candidate has received a satisfactory score on the
7 basic skills competency examinations established or designated by
8 the board. A candidate shall be exempt from this requirement if
9 (i) the candidate has three or more successive years of experience
10 in an approved or accredited school with a certificate issued by
11 that state on the basis of successful completion of an approved
12 teacher education program in that state or another state or (ii)
13 the candidate has current credentials from a national nonprofit
14 organization (A) approved by the State Department of Education, (B)
15 the purpose of which is to establish high and rigorous standards in
16 a broad range of educational areas for what accomplished teachers
17 should know and be able to do, and (C) which issues credentials to
18 teachers who demonstrate that they meet those standards. The 7
19 ~~except that the~~ board may issue a temporary certificate to any
20 teacher or administrator who is first employed in a Nebraska school
21 after April 1 of any year and who meets all other requirements but
22 has not taken or received a satisfactory score on the examinations.
23 The temporary certificate shall be valid only for the ensuing
24 school year and may be renewed for one additional year. Each
25 Nebraska teacher education institution approved by the board shall
26 administer the basic skills competency examinations as a condition
27 for entry into such institution's teacher or administrator program.

1 ~~The State Department of Education shall administer, at a time and~~
2 ~~place designated by the commissioner, the examinations for teachers~~
3 ~~and administrators being recommended for certification from outside~~
4 ~~of Nebraska and for prospective teachers and administrators who~~
5 ~~have not matriculated in or completed a teacher training program.~~

6 (c) The board may issue a temporary certificate, valid
7 for a period not to exceed two years, to any applicant for
8 certification who has not completed the human relations training
9 requirement pursuant to subdivision (1)(d) of this section or the
10 special education competencies requirement specified in section
11 79-816. No applicant for certification shall receive any manner of
12 temporary certification which exceeds two years in duration. The
13 board may also issue such temporary certification, valid for not
14 more than two years, pursuant to the Interstate Agreement on
15 Qualification of Educational Personnel found in section 79-893.

16 (d) The board may issue substitute teaching certificates
17 or permits in the absence of training in human relations required
18 pursuant to subdivision (1)(d) of this section, the basic skills
19 competency examinations required pursuant to subdivision (2)(b) of
20 this section, or the special education competencies requirement
21 specified in section 79-816.

22 (3) Members of any advisory committee established by the
23 board to assist the board in teacher certification matters shall be
24 reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses as provided in
25 sections 81-1174 to 81-1177. Each school district which has an
26 employee who serves as a member of such committee and which is
27 required to hire a person to replace such member during the

1 member's attendance at meetings or activities of the committee or
2 any subcommittee thereof shall be reimbursed from the General Fund
3 for the expense it incurs from hiring a replacement. School
4 districts may excuse employees who serve on such advisory
5 committees from certain duties which conflict with any advisory
6 committee duties.

7 Sec. 2. Section 79-809, Reissue Revised Statutes of
8 Nebraska, is amended to read:

9 79-809. The maximum which the board may require for the
10 ~~first~~ issuance of any entry-level certificate or permit, valid for
11 teaching only in all schools for a term of not less than three
12 years, shall be that the applicant is of sound mental and physical
13 health and of good moral character and a statement countersigned by
14 an authorized official of a standard institution of higher
15 education which certifies the grade levels and subject fields or
16 areas of specialization and that the applicant (1) has a
17 baccalaureate degree, except that a master's degree shall be
18 required for the ~~first~~ issuance of any entry-level teaching
19 certificate with a speech-language pathologist endorsement, (2) has
20 filed a complete set of his or her legible fingerprints for a
21 criminal history record information check if required by section
22 79-8,111, (3) in the case of any person who matriculates in a
23 teacher training program, has satisfactorily completed, within two
24 years of the date of application, the institution's regular
25 approved or accredited program of preparation for teaching and has
26 met all other appropriate requirements of the institution as a
27 teacher, (4) has achieved a satisfactory score on the basic skills

1 competency examinations established or designated by the State
2 Board of Education pursuant to section 79-808 prior to (a)
3 admission into a Nebraska teacher training program or (b)
4 certification in the case of individuals recommended for
5 certification by a postsecondary institution outside of Nebraska or
6 individuals not matriculating in a teacher training program, and
7 (5) has performed at a satisfactory level, as determined by the
8 State Board of Education, on a subject area examination established
9 or designated by the State Board of Education in each area for
10 which endorsement is sought.

11 Sec. 3. Section 79-812, Reissue Revised Statutes of
12 Nebraska, is amended to read:

13 79-812. ~~The~~ Except as otherwise provided in sections
14 79-808 to 79-816, the board may authorize the issuance of
15 certificates or permits upon recommendation from institutions of
16 higher education located in states other than Nebraska if the
17 respective State Department of Education or similar agency fully
18 approves the teacher education programs of the institution based on
19 standards for approving the institution and its education programs
20 which are comparable and equivalent to those required by the board.
21 ~~Any applicant for a Nebraska teacher or administrator certificate~~
22 ~~who is recommended for certification by a teacher training~~
23 ~~institution from outside Nebraska and who does not hold a current~~
24 ~~out-of-state certificate to teach or administer shall receive a~~
25 ~~satisfactory rating or score on the basic skills competency~~
26 ~~examinations and a subject matter examination as prescribed by the~~
27 ~~State Board of Education pursuant to section 79-808 or meet~~

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1 ~~comparable equivalent requirements as prescribed by law or~~
2 ~~regulation of the state in which such teacher training institution~~
3 ~~is located.~~

4 Sec. 4. Original sections 79-808, 79-809, and 79-812,
5 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

6 Sec. 5. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect
7 when passed and approved according to law."

8 2. On page 1, line 4, strike "and"; and in line 5 after
9 "sections" insert "; and to declare an emergency".