



Ninety-Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2003  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 264**

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**Chairperson:** Ron Raikes  
**Committee:** Education  
**Date of Hearing:** March 3, 2003

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Legislative Bill 264 would modify the current provisions regarding teaching certificates. The types of certificates would be streamlined as would the terminology regarding the termination of a certificate. Special services certificates would be introduced for individuals in medically related fields, coaches, and subject areas for which endorsement programs are not offered by standard institutions of higher education. Employment experience would be allowed to meet requirements for human relations training, special education training and basic skills competency. Basic skills competency for teacher education students would be determined by the higher education institution, rather than the current state standard. The Interstate Agreement on Qualification of Educational Personnel would be outright repealed. The provisions for criminal history checks would be outright repealed, but the provisions would be transferred to other sections for the most part. The measure would also make other modifications to the provisions regulating certificates for educators.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Senator Ron Raikes**