

**ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION -
2008**

COMMITTEE STATEMENT

LB1155

Hearing Date: February 26, 2008

Committee On: Education

Introducer(s): (Raikes)

Title: Change provisions relating to teacher certification

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Indefinitely Postponed

Vote Results:

7 Yes Senators Adams, Avery, Burling, Howard, Johnson,
Kopplin, Raikes

0 No

1 Absent Senator Ashford

0 Present, not voting

Proponents:

Senator Ron Raikes

Jay Sears

Representing:

Introducer

Nebraska State Education Association

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Jeremy P. Murphy

Representing:

Nebraska Catholic Conference

Summary of purpose and/or change:

Legislative Bill 1155 would amend **Section 79-808** to allow individuals with teaching experience in another state to be qualified for a Nebraska teacher or administrative certificate if certain requirements are met.

The applicant would not be required to have held a certificate issued by another state if:

1. The applicant is otherwise qualified according to rules, regulations and procedures of the board;
2. At the time of employment experience, the applicant was qualified to obtain a comparable and equivalent certificate;
3. The employment experience took place in a state which the applicant did not need to obtain a certificate;
4. All of the employment experience took place at accredited independent schools; and
5. Employment experience was no less than three consecutive years within the most recent five years for a teacher and no less than five consecutive years for an administrator.

Accredited independent school would mean a nonpublic school accredited by a state or regional accreditation association.

Applicable period of employment experience would mean a period of employment experience according to the rules established by the state board.

Qualifying regional or state accreditation association would mean a regional or state accreditation association that is a member of a national commission on the accreditation of independent schools and recognized by a national association of independent schools.

Section 79-810 would be amended to reference to align a reference to a renumbered subsection.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Ron Raikes, Chairperson