

One Hundred Fifth Legislature - Second Session - 2018

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1135

Chairperson: Senator Mike Groene

Committee: Education

Date of Hearing: February 05, 2018

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

The intent of LB1135 is to address the teacher shortage that is experienced in communities all across Nebraska. LB1135 would create the Alternative Certification for Quality Teachers Act, which would:

1. Establish reciprocity by allowing individuals who hold teaching certificates in good standing in other states to teach in Nebraska
2. Allow individuals who a.) hold a bachelors degree from an accredited college or university, b.) pass the basic skills and appropriate subject area examination, and c.) are enrolled in an alternative teaching certification program approved by the board to obtain a temporary, two-year teaching permit. The temporary permit would not be renewable. To obtain a teaching certificate, the individual must complete the alternative certification program.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Tony Vargas