

HB 620 -- Mentoring Standards for Beginning Teachers and Principals

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This bill requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to create mentoring standards for beginning teachers and principals no later than June 30, 2008. The bill enumerates the principles for mentoring and the benchmarks for quality programs. The department is required to involve representatives from various educational and professional development sectors to participate in the creation of the standards.

Teachers who have been certified through the American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence are allowed to acquire a provisional teacher's certificate pending completion of professional development, mentoring, contact hour requirements, and a performance-based evaluation within a two-year period.