

HOUSE BILL NO. 439

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIDSON.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 168, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to school district teaching permits.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 168, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 168.029, to read as follows:

168.029. 1. As provided in this section, any school district may issue a school district teaching permit to any individual who does not hold a teaching certificate issued by the state board of education.

2. (1) A school district may employ any individual to whom the district issues a school district teaching permit.

(2) Any school district that issues a teaching permit under this section shall develop a policy listing the qualifications an individual shall meet to be eligible for the teaching permit. The qualifications required in the school district's policy shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) Attainment of an associate's degree; and

(b) Completion of a background check as required in section 168.133.

(3) Immediately after employing an individual under this section, the school district shall send to the state board of education a written statement identifying the individual, the individual's qualifications as a teacher, and the subject or class the individual will teach.

3. No individual authorized to teach under this section shall be authorized to teach in another school district unless the other district issues teaching permits under this section and recognizes the issuing district's teaching permit. Any teaching permit issued under

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 **this section shall be valid in the school district issuing the teaching permit and in any**
19 **school district recognizing the teaching permit as provided in this section. Any teaching**
20 **permit issued under this section shall remain valid unless the issuing district revokes the**
21 **teaching permit for cause.**

22 **4. The percentage of a school district's teachers issued a teaching permit under this**
23 **section and employed by the school district shall not exceed twenty-five percent of the total**
24 **number of teachers employed by the school district.**

25 **5. Any individual issued a teaching permit under this section may be issued a**
26 **teaching certificate by the state board of education if the individual has taught with a**
27 **teaching permit issued under this section for at least four years and meets the**
28 **qualifications established in chapter 168.**

29 **6. No school district issuing teaching permits under this section shall be deemed a**
30 **teacher training institution or teacher education program for purposes of section 161.097.**

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