

HB 608 -- SUBSTITUTE TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS

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This bill provides a new four year certification method for individuals that want to substitute teach. The State Board of Education will issue certificates with a background check and a sponsorship by a public school district. Applicants for certification must also have at least 36 college hours or have completed a 20 hour online training and have a high school diploma or equivalency. Individuals must also complete a four hour orientation developed by the district that sponsors them. Certificates will expire if the individual fails to substitute teach for at least five days in a calendar year.

The bill also requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop an online substitute training program with 20 hours of training related to subjects appropriate for substitute teaching.