

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. _____

Offered by _____ of _____

Amend _____ House _____ Bill No. 316, Page 1, Section Title, Line 2,

2 by striking the word "the" from the end of said line; and further
 3 amend line 3, by striking all of said line and inserting in lieu
 4 thereof the following: "statutory expiration dates."; and

5 Further amend said bill and page, section A, line 2, by
 6 inserting immediately after said line the following:

7 "168.021. 1. Certificates of license to teach in the
 8 public schools of the state shall be granted as follows:

9 (1) By the state board, under rules and regulations
 10 prescribed by it:

11 (a) Upon the basis of college credit;

12 (b) Upon the basis of examination;

13 (2) By the state board, under rules and regulations
 14 prescribed by the state board with advice from the advisory
 15 council established by section 168.015 to any individual who
 16 presents to the state board a valid doctoral degree from an
 17 accredited institution of higher education accredited by a
 18 regional accrediting association such as North Central
 19 Association. Such certificate shall be limited to the major area
 20 of postgraduate study of the holder, shall be issued only after
 21 successful completion of the examination required for graduation
 22 pursuant to rules adopted by the state board of education, and

1 shall be restricted to those certificates established pursuant to
2 subdivision (1) of subsection 3 of this section;

3 (3) By the state board, which shall issue the professional
4 certificate classification in both the general and specialized
5 areas most closely aligned with the current areas of
6 certification approved by the state board, commensurate with the
7 years of teaching experience of the applicant, and based upon the
8 following criteria:

9 (a) Recommendation of a state-approved baccalaureate-level
10 teacher preparation program;

11 (b) Successful attainment of the Missouri qualifying score
12 on the exit assessment for teachers or administrators designated
13 by the state board of education. Applicants who have not
14 successfully achieved a qualifying score on the designated
15 examinations will be issued a two-year nonrenewable provisional
16 certificate; and

17 (c) Upon completion of a background check as prescribed in
18 section 168.133 and possession of a valid teaching certificate in
19 the state from which the applicant's teacher preparation program
20 was completed;

21 (4) By the state board, under rules prescribed by it, on
22 the basis of a relevant bachelor's degree, or higher degree, and
23 a passing score for the designated exit examination, for
24 individuals whose academic degree and professional experience are
25 suitable to provide a basis for instruction solely in the subject
26 matter of banking or financial responsibility, at the discretion
27 of the state board. Such certificate shall be limited to the
28 major area of study of the holder and shall be restricted to
29 those certificates established under subdivision (1) of

1 subsection 3 of this section. Holders of certificates granted
2 under this subdivision shall be exempt from the teacher tenure
3 act under sections 168.102 to 168.130 and each school district
4 shall have the decision-making authority on whether to hire the
5 holders of such certificates; or

6 (5) By the state board, under rules and regulations
7 prescribed by it, on the basis of certification by the American
8 Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (ABCTE) and
9 verification of ability to work with children as demonstrated by
10 sixty contact hours in any one of the following areas as
11 validated by the school principal: sixty contact hours in the
12 classroom, of which at least forty-five must be teaching; sixty
13 contact hours as a substitute teacher, with at least thirty
14 consecutive hours in the same classroom; sixty contact hours of
15 teaching in a private school; or sixty contact hours of teaching
16 as a paraprofessional, for an initial four-year ABCTE certificate
17 of license to teach, except that such certificate shall not be
18 granted for the areas of early childhood education, elementary
19 education, or special education. Upon the completion of the
20 requirements listed in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) of this
21 subdivision, an applicant shall be eligible to apply for a career
22 continuous professional certificate under subdivision (2) of
23 subsection 3 of this section:

24 (a) Completion of thirty contact hours of professional
25 development within four years, which may include hours spent in
26 class in an appropriate college curriculum;

27 (b) Validated completion of two years of the mentoring
28 program of the American Board for Certification of Teacher
29 Excellence or a district mentoring program approved by the state

1 board of education;

2 (c) Attainment of a successful performance-based teacher
3 evaluation; and

4 (d) Participate in a beginning teacher assistance program.

5 2. All valid teaching certificates issued pursuant to law
6 or state board policies and regulations prior to September 1,
7 1988, shall be exempt from the professional development
8 requirements of this section and shall continue in effect until
9 they expire, are revoked or suspended, as provided by law. When
10 such certificates are required to be renewed, the state board or
11 its designee shall grant to each holder of such a certificate the
12 certificate most nearly equivalent to the one so held. Anyone
13 who holds, as of August 28, 2003, a valid PC-I, PC-II, or
14 continuous professional certificate shall, upon expiration of his
15 or her current certificate, be issued the appropriate level of
16 certificate based upon the classification system established
17 pursuant to subsection 3 of this section.

18 3. Certificates of license to teach in the public schools
19 of the state shall be based upon minimum requirements prescribed
20 by the state board of education which shall include completion of
21 a background check as prescribed in section 168.133. The state
22 board shall provide for the following levels of professional
23 certification: an initial professional certificate and a career
24 continuous professional certificate.

25 (1) The initial professional certificate shall be issued
26 upon completion of requirements established by the state board of
27 education and shall be valid based upon verification of actual
28 teaching within a specified time period established by the state
29 board of education. The state board shall require holders of the

1 four-year initial professional certificate to:

2 (a) Participate in a mentoring program approved and
3 provided by the district for a minimum of two years;

4 (b) Complete thirty contact hours of professional
5 development, which may include hours spent in class in an
6 appropriate college curriculum, or for holders of a certificate
7 under subdivision (4) of subsection 1 of this section, an amount
8 of professional development in proportion to the certificate
9 holder's hours in the classroom, if the certificate holder is
10 employed less than full time; and

11 (c) Participate in a beginning teacher assistance program;

12 (2) (a) The career continuous professional certificate
13 shall be issued upon verification of completion of four years of
14 teaching under the initial professional certificate and upon
15 verification of the completion of the requirements articulated in
16 paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of subdivision (1) of this
17 subsection or paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) of subdivision
18 (5) of subsection 1 of this section.

19 (b) The career continuous professional certificate shall be
20 continuous based upon verification of actual employment in an
21 educational position as provided for in state board guidelines
22 and completion of fifteen contact hours of professional
23 development per year which may include hours spent in class in an
24 appropriate college curriculum. Should the possessor of a valid
25 career continuous professional certificate fail, in any given
26 year, to meet the fifteen-hour professional development
27 requirement, the possessor may, within two years, make up the
28 missing hours. In order to make up for missing hours, the
29 possessor shall first complete the fifteen-hour requirement for

1 the current year and then may count hours in excess of the
2 current year requirement as make-up hours. Should the possessor
3 fail to make up the missing hours within two years, the
4 certificate shall become inactive. In order to reactivate the
5 certificate, the possessor shall complete twenty-four contact
6 hours of professional development which may include hours spent
7 in the classroom in an appropriate college curriculum within the
8 six months prior to or after reactivating his or her certificate.
9 The requirements of this paragraph shall be monitored and
10 verified by the local school district which employs the holder of
11 the career continuous professional certificate.

12 (c) A holder of a career continuous professional
13 certificate shall be exempt from the professional development
14 contact hour requirements of paragraph (b) of this subdivision if
15 such teacher has a local professional development plan in place
16 within such teacher's school district and meets two of the three
17 following criteria:

18 a. Has ten years of teaching experience as defined by the
19 state board of education;

20 b. Possesses a master's degree; or

21 c. Obtains a rigorous national certification as approved by
22 the state board of education.

23 4. Policies and procedures shall be established by which a
24 teacher who was not retained due to a reduction in force may
25 retain the current level of certification. There shall also be
26 established policies and procedures allowing a teacher who has
27 not been employed in an educational position for three years or
28 more to reactivate his or her last level of certification by
29 completing twenty-four contact hours of professional development

1 which may include hours spent in the classroom in an appropriate
2 college curriculum within the six months prior to or after
3 reactivating his or her certificate.

4 5. The state board shall, upon completion of a background
5 check as prescribed in section 168.133, issue a professional
6 certificate classification in the areas most closely aligned with
7 an applicant's current areas of certification, commensurate with
8 the years of teaching experience of the applicant, to any person
9 who is hired to teach in a public school in this state and who
10 possesses a valid teaching certificate from another state or
11 certification under subdivision (4) of subsection 1 of this
12 section, provided that the certificate holder shall annually
13 complete the state board's requirements for such level of
14 certification, and shall establish policies by which residents of
15 states other than the state of Missouri may be assessed a fee for
16 a certificate license to teach in the public schools of Missouri.
17 Such fee shall be in an amount sufficient to recover any or all
18 costs associated with the issuing of a certificate of license to
19 teach. The board shall promulgate rules to authorize the
20 issuance of a provisional certificate of license, which shall
21 allow the holder to assume classroom duties pending the
22 completion of a criminal background check under section 168.133,
23 for any applicant who:

24 (1) Is the spouse of a member of the Armed Forces stationed
25 in Missouri;

26 (2) Relocated from another state within one year of the
27 date of application;

28 (3) Underwent a criminal background check in order to be
29 issued a teaching certificate of license from another state; and

1 (4) Otherwise qualifies under this section.

2 6. The state board may assess to holders of an initial
3 professional certificate a fee, to be deposited into the
4 excellence in education revolving fund established pursuant to
5 section 160.268, for the issuance of the career continuous
6 professional certificate. However, such fee shall not exceed the
7 combined costs of issuance and any criminal background check
8 required as a condition of issuance. Applicants for the initial
9 ABCTE certificate shall be responsible for any fees associated
10 with the program leading to the issuance of the certificate, but
11 nothing in this section shall prohibit a district from developing
12 a policy that permits fee reimbursement.

13 7. Any member of the public school retirement system of
14 Missouri who entered covered employment with ten or more years of
15 educational experience in another state or states and held a
16 certificate issued by another state and subsequently worked in a
17 school district covered by the public school retirement system of
18 Missouri for ten or more years who later became certificated in
19 Missouri shall have that certificate dated back to his or her
20 original date of employment in a Missouri public school.

21 [8. The provisions of subdivision (5) of subsection 1 of
22 this section, as well as any other provision of this section
23 relating to the American Board for Certification of Teacher
24 Excellence, shall terminate on August 28, 2014.]; and

25 Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.
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