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LEGISLATIVE BILL 893

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Committee: Education

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend section 79-808, Reissue
2 Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to replace the requirement that an
3 individual applying for a Nebraska substitute teacher's certificate
4 demonstrate human relations training; to require the State
5 Department of Education to create an interpersonal relations
6 training course and test for individuals seeking a substitute
7 permit; and to repeal the original section.
8 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 **Section 1.** Section 79-808, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 79-808 (1) The board shall establish, adopt, and promulgate
4 appropriate rules, regulations, and procedures governing the issuance,
5 renewal, conversion, suspension, and revocation of certificates and
6 permits to teach, provide special services, and administer based upon (a)
7 earned college credit in humanities, social and natural sciences,
8 mathematics, or career and technical education, (b) earned college
9 credit, or its equivalent in professional education, for particular
10 teaching, special services, or administrative assignments, (c) criminal
11 history record information if the applicant has not been a continuous
12 Nebraska resident for five years immediately preceding application for
13 the first issuance of a certificate, (d) human relations training or
14 interpersonal relations training, as applicable, (e) successful teaching,
15 administration, or provision of special services, and (f) moral, mental,
16 and physical fitness for teaching, all in accordance with sound
17 educational practices. Such rules, regulations, and procedures shall also
18 provide for endorsement requirements to indicate areas of specialization
19 on such certificates and permits. Such rules and regulations shall not
20 require any test of basic skills.

21 (2)(a) ~~(2)~~ The board may issue a temporary certificate, valid for a
22 period not to exceed two years, to any applicant for certification who
23 has not completed the human relations training requirement.

24 (b)(i) The board may issue a Nebraska substitute teacher's
25 certificate to an applicant who is otherwise qualified for such
26 certificate and who (i) has the required human relations training or (ii)
27 has completed the interpersonal relations training course and passed the
28 interpersonal relations training test as determined by the department
29 pursuant to subdivision (2)(b)(ii) of this section.

30 (ii) The State Department of Education shall create and make
31 available an online interpersonal relations training course and test that

1 covers topics similar in substance to the required human relations
2 training. Such course and test may be taken by individuals seeking a
3 substitute permit as an alternative to the required human relations
4 training. The department may charge a fee to individuals seeking to take
5 such course and test in an amount not to exceed the costs of providing
6 such services.

7 (3) Members of any advisory committee established by the board to
8 assist the board in teacher education and certification matters shall be
9 reimbursed for expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177. Each
10 school district which has an employee who serves as a member of such
11 committee and which is required to hire a person to replace such member
12 during the member's attendance at meetings or activities of the committee
13 or any subcommittee thereof shall be reimbursed from the Certification
14 Fund for the expense it incurs from hiring a replacement. School
15 districts may excuse employees who serve on such advisory committees from
16 certain duties which conflict with any advisory committee duties.

17 **Sec. 2.** Original section 79-808, Reissue Revised Statutes of
18 Nebraska, is repealed.