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SUMMARY

- Requires the State Board of Education to specify whether an educator is licensed to teach grades pre-K through 5, grades 4 through 8, or grades 7 through 12.
- Requires the State Board to at least issue licenses for grades pre-K through 5 that authorize a license holder to provide either general education instruction or both general and special education instruction.
- Requires the State Board to at least issue a license for grades 4 through 8 that authorizes a license holder to provide general education instruction.
- Narrows a school district's or community school's authority to employ educators to teach outside of their grade band by limiting it only to educators who have at least one year of experience as a licensed classroom teacher.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Educator licensure

The bill requires the State Board of Education, when issuing resident, professional, senior professional, and lead professional educator licenses, to specify whether the educator is licensed to teach grades pre-K through 5, grades 4 through 8, or grades 7 through 12. Current law requires the State Board to specify whether the educator is licensed to teach grades pre-K through 8 or grades 7 through 12.

The bill also requires the State Board to at least issues license for grades pre-K through 5 that authorize a license holder to provide either general education instruction or both general

and special education instruction and a license for grades 4 through 8 that authorizes license holders to provide general education instruction.¹

Finally, the bill addresses a school district's and community school's authority to employ educators to teach outside of their designated grade band. Specifically, the bill narrows that authority by requiring such educators to have at least one year of experience as a licensed classroom teacher.²

HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	03-11-25
Reported, S. Education	10-22-25
Passed Senate (32-0)	10-29-25

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¹ R.C. 3319.22(A)(4); conforming changes in R.C. 3319.22(A)(1) and 3319.079.

² R.C. 3319.22(A)(5).