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Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

- Until June 30, 2025, requires the State Board of Education to issue substitute educator licenses to certain applicants without the need to possess a bachelor's degree or in some cases any post-secondary degree.
- Until June 30, 2025, allows a student teacher or intern from a teacher preparation program to work as a substitute teacher for up to five days.
- Declares an emergency.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Substitute educator licenses

Under current law, an applicant for a substitute educator license, among other qualifications, generally must hold a "post-secondary degree." The duration for which the holder of a substitute license may work in a school under that license is based on whether the post-secondary degree is related to the subject area taught.¹ Career-technical educators, including substitutes, are not required to hold any post-secondary degree.² The Department of Education's website indicates that it currently requires applicants for licensure to teach as a substitute to hold a "bachelor's degree or higher."³

The bill creates two temporary standards under which the State Board of Education must issue an educator license for substitute teaching to an applicant without the need to

¹ R.C. 3319.226(B). See also Ohio Administrative Code 3301-23-44(D).

² R.C. 3319.229, not in the bill.

³ See the Ohio Department of Education's website: [Substitute License](#).

possess a bachelor's degree or in some cases any post-secondary degree. Under the bill, these provisions expire on June 30, 2025.

To teach six or more consecutive days

An applicant may obtain an educator license for substitute teaching for six or more consecutive days in the same classroom if this applicant is at least 21 years of age and meets at least one of the following qualifications:

1. Holds an associate degree;
2. Received an honorable discharge from the Armed Forces of the United States;
3. Has earned at least 60 credit hours of coursework toward a bachelor's degree; or
4. Has at last five years of experience as an educational assistant.⁴

To teach five or fewer consecutive days

An applicant may obtain an educator license for substitute teaching for five or fewer consecutive days in the same classroom if the applicant meets the educational requirements of the school's governing body.

Once the employing school's governing body certifies to the State Board that the applicant meets those requirements, the State Board must issue the license within ten business days. The school may conditionally employ the applicant in the days before the State Board issues the license, if the applicant submitted to the school the results of a successful criminal records check. A substitute teacher licensed under this division of the bill may be employed for one full school year.⁵

H.B. 409 of the 133rd General Assembly and S.B. 1 of the 134th General Assembly enacted similar provisions permitting the employment and temporary licensure of substitute teachers who do hold post-secondary degrees for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years.⁶

Degree requirement clarification

The bill clarifies that, except for the new temporary provisions or career-technical educators, an applicant must possess at least a bachelor's degree to qualify for a substitute educator license.⁷

⁴ R.C. 3319.226(D).

⁵ R.C. 3319.226(E).

⁶ Sections 3 and 7 of H.B. 409 of the 133rd General Assembly and Section 4 of S.B. 1 of the 134th General Assembly.

⁷ R.C. 3319.226(B).

Substitute teachers from teacher preparation programs

Until June 30, 2025, the bill allows an individual enrolled in a teacher preparation program and assigned to a school as a student teacher or intern to work as a substitute teacher in that school for up to five days. The teacher preparation program, in which the individual is enrolled, must credit the hours spent substitute teaching toward the number of student teaching or internship hours required under the program.⁸

HISTORY

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⁸ R.C. 3319.362.