

SB 216 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Doherty

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 04/22/19

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 7-0-2-0

Yeas: 7 - Alonso Leon, Doherty, Helt, Neron, Reardon, Reschke, Wallan

Exc: 2 - Hernandez, Sollman

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/10, 4/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Permits school district to employ an unlicensed educator with a pending application for 90 days only if the unlicensed educator has not been employed during the previous year with a pending application for the same license.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of SB 205 (2017)
- Interest in limiting 90 days without a license to one-time only policy

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 205 (2017) permitted teachers to teach for 90 days without a license if they submitted an application for licensure and completed all required background checks. The purpose of this legislation was to allow school districts to employ teachers while their applications were being processed. Senate Bill 1520 (2018) then expanded this option to all employees who require educator licensure. Under current law, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) may not limit the number of times an educator is employed under the 90-day licensure exemption. TSPC reports that several educators have applied two or three times for the same license in order to extend the 90-day unlicensed employment period.