

HB 417 -- Teacher Certification

Sponsor: Cunningham (86)

This bill creates an additional process for teacher certification in mathematics, science, technology, engineering, and certain other disciplines for applicants with credentials specified in the bill. These teachers must also complete professional development requirements in proportion to their hours in the classroom if they are employed less than full time. Districts are allowed to offer hiring incentives or salary schedule modifications to attract and retain teachers who are certified in these shortage areas. The teachers may be required to teach for up to three years in return for the incentive.

Guidelines are established for the evaluation of a student's course work and grade level placement upon transfer into a school district. A restriction on placing information on high school diplomas is repealed.