

HCS HB 620 -- TEACHING CERTIFICATION AND MENTORING STANDARDS  
(Muschany)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Special Committee on Student Achievement

This substitute requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to create mentoring standards for beginning teachers and principals no later than June 30, 2008. The substitute specifies the principles for mentoring and the benchmarks for quality programs. The department is required to involve representatives from various educational and professional development sectors to participate in the creation of the standards.

Teachers who have been certified through the American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence are allowed to acquire a provisional teacher's certificate pending completion of professional development, mentoring, contact-hour requirements, and a performance-based evaluation within a two-year period.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Cost on General Revenue Fund of \$15,000 in FY 2008, \$0 in FY 2009, and \$0 in FY 2010. No impact on Other State Funds in FY 2008, FY 2009, and FY 2010.