

## HB 1688 -- APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS

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This bill creates the "Expanded Workforce Access Act of 2020". Beginning January 1, 2021, licensing authorities are required to grant a license to any applicant that has completed the 8th grade, completed a federally-approved apprenticeship program, and passed any necessary examination. The passing score for any examination cannot be higher than the passing score required for any non-apprenticeship license, and there cannot be an examination required for an apprenticeship license if there isn't one required for a non-apprenticeship license.

For some types of apprenticeships, the number of working hours required cannot be more than the number of educational hours required for a non-apprenticeship license.

This bill is the same as HB 470 (2019).