

HB 439 -- TEACHING PERMITS

SPONSOR: Davidson

This bill will allow school districts to issue a district teaching permit to any individual that does not hold currently hold a State Board of Education (SBE) issued teaching certificate. The district teaching permit allows the holder to teach only in the issuing school district unless another school district also issues permits and recognizes permits issued in this manner as part of their policy.

The bill requires districts to develop a policy listing qualifications which include, at a minimum, an associates degree and background check. The number of teachers issued a teaching permit must not exceed 25% of the total number of teachers employed in the district. If an individual is issued a teaching permit and teaches for four years the SBE may issue a teaching certificate as specified in the bill.