

HOUSE BILL No. 2061

By Representative Sloan

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9 AN ACT establishing the board of professional educators; prescribing the
10 powers and duties thereof.

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12 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

13 Section 1. (a) There is hereby established the board of professional
14 educators. The board shall be composed of 11 members, as follows:

15 (1) Three members appointed by the speaker of the house of rep-
16 resentatives. Of such members: Two shall be teachers and one shall be a
17 superintendent of a school district. One of the teachers appointed by the
18 speaker shall have less than three years teaching experience;

19 (2) three members appointed by the president of the senate. Of such
20 members: Two shall be teachers and one shall be a principal;

21 (3) one member appointed by the minority leader of the house of
22 representatives. Such member shall be a teacher;

23 (4) one member appointed by the minority leader of the senate. Such
24 member shall be a teacher;

25 (5) three members appointed by the governor. Of such members:
26 One shall be a teacher, one shall be a principal and one shall be an
27 administrator, other than a principal.

28 (b) When making appointments to the board, appointing authorities
29 shall select persons so that:

30 (1) There are teachers, principals and non-principal administrators
31 from school districts having an enrollment of at least 12,000 pupils, school
32 districts having an enrollment of less than 12,000 but more than 1,636
33 pupils, and school districts having an enrollment of 1,636 pupils or less.

34 (2) Three of the teachers shall hold a master teacher's license.

35 (3) Three of the teachers have at least three years of teaching
36 experience.

37 (4) One of the teachers has less than three years of teaching
38 experience.

39 (5) One of the teachers shall have experience teaching, or is currently
40 teaching, pre-kindergarten level children.

41 (6) One of the teachers shall have experience teaching, or is currently
42 teaching, special education.

43 (7) All administrators shall have classroom teaching experience.

1 (8) No more than six of the members of the board may be from the
2 same political party.

3 (9) At least five of the members of the board shall be residents of
4 counties other than Douglas, Johnson, Reno, Riley, Saline, Sedgwick,
5 Shawnee or Wyandotte counties.

6 (10) No more than two of the teachers shall be teachers of the same
7 teaching discipline.

8 (c) (1) Except as provided by subsection (2) and for those members
9 who are teachers with less than three years of teaching experience, mem-
10 bers shall be appointed for terms of four years. Members who are teachers
11 with less than three years of teaching experience shall be appointed for
12 terms of two years. Members shall serve until a successor is appointed
13 and qualified. Any vacancy in the membership of the board shall be filled
14 by appointment in the same manner prescribed by this section for the
15 original appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.

16 (2) When making the initial appointments to the board: (A) One of
17 the teachers appointed by each of the appointing authorities shall be
18 appointed for a term which expires on June 30, 2011, and one of the
19 administrators appointed by the governor and the speaker of the house
20 of representatives shall be appointed for a term which expires on June
21 30, 2011; (B) members who are teachers with less than three years of
22 teaching experience shall be appointed for terms which expire on June
23 30, 2011; and (C) the remaining members shall be appointed for terms
24 which expire on June 30, 2013.

25 (d) Members of the board attending regular or special meetings or
26 subcommittee meetings authorized by the board, shall be paid amounts
27 for expenses, mileage and subsistence as provided in subsection (e) of
28 K.S.A. 75-3223, and amendments thereto.

29 (e) The members of the board shall select a chairperson and vice-
30 chairperson from the membership of the board.

31 (f) The board may meet at any time and at any place within the state
32 on the call of the chairperson. A quorum of the task force shall be six
33 members. All actions of the board shall be by motion adopted by a ma-
34 jority of those members present when there is a quorum.

35 (g) The state department of education shall provide such staff and
36 assistance as may be requested by the board.

37 (h) The board shall be advisory to the state board of education and
38 the state department of education on matters relating to:

39 (1) Teacher education curriculum;

40 (2) teacher mentoring and teacher mentoring programs;

41 (3) student performance evaluations;

42 (4) the need for remedial education for students who enter postse-
43 condary institutions;

- 1 (5) the performance of English language learners;
 - 2 (6) increasing parental involvement in the classroom;
 - 3 (7) the distribution of state financial aid to school districts; and
 - 4 (8) any other matter or topic identified by the board of professional
 - 5 educators, the state board of education or the department of education.
- 6 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
- 7 publication in the statute book.