

## SENATE BILL No. 487

By Senator Hensley

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9 AN ACT concerning teachers; relating to the issuance of special licenses.

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

12 Section 1. (a) As used in this section:

13 (1) "Applicant" means any person who submits an application for a  
14 special license under this section and who has been convicted of an of-  
15 fense which was expunged pursuant to K.S.A. 21-4619, and amendments  
16 thereto, on March 19, 2009.

17 (2) "Accredited institution" means an institution accredited by the  
18 state board under K.S.A. 72-1371, and amendments thereto.

19 (3) "Offense" means any: (1) Traffic infraction, cigarette or tobacco  
20 infraction; (2) misdemeanor; (3) class D or E felony for crimes committed  
21 prior to July 1, 1993; and (4) nonperson, nondrug crimes ranked in se-  
22 verity levels 5 through 10 for crimes committed on or after July 1, 1993.

23 (4) "State board" means the state board of education.

24 (b) An applicant for a special teaching license under this section shall  
25 submit to the state board the following:

26 (1) An official transcript verifying the granting of a bachelor's degree  
27 or higher from an accredited institution. Such transcript shall verify that  
28 the applicant has attained at least a 2.50 GPA on a 4.0 scale in those  
29 courses specified in the application for licensure;

30 (2) verification from an accredited institution of successful comple-  
31 tion of an approved teacher education program;

32 (3) an application for a special license; and

33 (4) the licensure fee.

34 (c) If an application for a teaching license is submitted to the state  
35 board pursuant to this section, the state board shall issue a special license  
36 to the applicant and specify on the face of such license the subject or  
37 subjects that the holder of the license is authorized to teach. It shall be  
38 unlawful for the holder of a license on the face of which is specified the  
39 subjects to teach any subjects not so specified.

40 (d) Any person, within five years of the date the person was issued a  
41 special license under this section, may apply for renewal of the license by  
42 submitting an application for renewal of the special license and the licen-  
43 sure fee.

1 (e) The state board may impose fees for this issuance and renewal of  
2 special licenses under this section.

3 (f) Except as specifically provided by this section, special licenses and  
4 persons issued special licenses under this section shall be subject to the  
5 requirements of article 13 of chapter 72 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated  
6 and any rules and regulations adopted by the state board.

7 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
8 publication in the statute book.