

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 221

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING CHAPTER 12, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE AD-
2 DITION OF A NEW SECTION 33-1202A, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS
3 REGARDING TEACHING CERTIFICATES SPECIFIC TO A CERTAIN LOCAL EDUCATION
4 AGENCY.
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6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 SECTION 1. That Chapter 12, Title 33, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
8 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
9 ignated as Section 33-1202A, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

10 33-1202A. LEA-SPECIFIC CERTIFICATES. (1) For purposes of this sec-
11 tion, "local education agency" or "LEA" means a school district or a public
12 charter school designated as a local education agency pursuant to section
13 33-5203, Idaho Code.

14 (2) As an alternative to a standard teaching certificate, a local edu-
15 cation agency may develop criteria for a teaching certificate, known as an
16 LEA-specific certificate, made available only to teachers teaching within
17 that individual LEA.

18 (3) Criteria for an LEA-specific certificate will be in writing and re-
19 quire that teachers satisfy the provisions set forth in section 33-1202(1),
20 (3), and (4), Idaho Code, and meet the following minimum educational or pro-
21 fessional qualifications:

22 (a) Hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution; or

23 (b) If instructing students in the fields of career technical educa-
24 tion, hold a bachelor's degree or satisfy the provisions of section
25 33-2205(6)(a), Idaho Code.

26 (4) An LEA must ensure that teachers with an LEA-specific certificate
27 receive mentoring and professional development as approved by the LEA. The
28 LEA may impose additional requirements.

29 (5) The state board of education will issue LEA-specific certificates
30 to teachers upon request of the individual LEA, unless denied on the grounds
31 set forth in section 33-1208, Idaho Code.

32 (6) Teachers who are in their first year of holding an LEA-specific cer-
33 tificate will be placed in the first cell of the residency compensation rung
34 on the career ladder and will move one (1) cell on the residency compensa-
35 tion rung for each year they hold the certificate thereafter, not to exceed
36 the highest cell on the residency compensation rung. Teachers will remain
37 on the residency compensation rung unless they satisfy the requirements for
38 professional endorsement set forth in section 33-1201A, Idaho Code, or if
39 teaching in the fields of career technical education, satisfy the terms set
40 forth in section 33-2205(6), Idaho Code.

41 (7) LEA-specific certificates are not transferable for teaching in an-
42 other LEA. The holder of an LEA-specific certificate may not rely on the cer-

1 tificate to teach at any other LEA. For teachers holding an LEA-specific cer-
2 tificate, an LEA may substitute its own ongoing education and professional
3 development requirements in place of those set forth in rule by the state
4 board of education.