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Johnson, Creech, Stewart, Pavliga, White**

A BILL

To amend section 3319.226 and to enact section 1
3319.362 of the Revised Code regarding educator 2
licenses for substitute teachers and to declare 3
an emergency. 4

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 3319.226 be amended and section 5
3319.362 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 6

Sec. 3319.226. (A) Beginning July 1, 2019, the state board 7
of education shall issue educator licenses for substitute 8
teaching only under this section. 9

(B) The state board shall adopt rules establishing 10
standards and requirements for obtaining a license under this 11
section and for renewal of the license. Except as provided in 12
division (D) or (E) of this section or in division (F) of 13
section 3319.229 of the Revised Code, the rules shall require an 14
applicant to hold at least a post-secondary bachelor's degree, 15
but not in any specified subject area. ~~The~~ Except as provided in 16
division (E) of this section, the rules also shall allow the 17

holder of a license issued under this section to work: 18

(1) For an unlimited number of school days if the license 19
holder has at least a ~~post-secondary bachelor's~~ degree in either 20
education or a subject area directly related to the subject of 21
the class the license holder will teach; 22

(2) For one full semester, subject to the approval of the 23
employing school district board of education, if the license 24
holder has at least a ~~post-secondary bachelor's~~ degree in a 25
subject area that is not directly related to the subject of the 26
class that the license holder will teach. 27

The district superintendent may request that the board 28
approve one or more additional subsequent semester-long periods 29
of teaching for the license holder of a license issued under 30
division (B) (1) of this section. 31

(C) The rules adopted under division (B) of this section 32
shall permit a substitute career-technical teaching license 33
holder to teach outside the license holder's certified career 34
field for up to one semester, subject to approval of the 35
employing school district superintendent. 36

(D) Division (D) of this section does not apply on or 37
after June 30, 2025. 38

The state board shall adopt rules for the issuance of an 39
educator license for substitute teaching for six or more 40
consecutive days in the same classroom to an applicant who 41
fulfills one or more of the following qualifications: 42

(1) Holds an associate degree and is at least twenty-one 43
years of age; 44

(2) Received an honorable discharge from the armed forces 45

of the United States, as defined in section 3307.75 of the 46
Revised Code, and is at least twenty-one years of age; 47

(3) Earned at least sixty credit hours of coursework 48
toward a bachelor's degree and is at least twenty-one years of 49
age; 50

(4) Has at least five years of experience as an 51
educational assistant as defined in section 3319.088 of the 52
Revised Code. 53

(E) Division (E) of this section does not apply on or 54
after June 30, 2025. 55

The state board shall adopt rules for the issuance of an 56
educator license for substitute teaching for five or fewer 57
consecutive days in the same classroom to an applicant who does 58
not hold at least a bachelor's degree, as long the governing 59
body of the employing school district or school certifies to the 60
state board that the applicant meets the governing body's 61
educational requirements. The state board shall issue the 62
license within ten business days after the employing school 63
governing body certifies that fact to the state board. A 64
district or school governing body may employ the holder of an 65
educator license for substitute teaching issued under division 66
(E) of this section for one full school year. 67

A school governing body may conditionally employ an 68
individual for ten business days prior to the individual's 69
receipt of a license under division (E) of this section, if it 70
has certified to the state board that the applicant meets the 71
governing body's educational requirements and has submitted to 72
the governing body the results of a successful criminal records 73
check under section 3319.291 or 3319.39 of the Revised Code. 74

The state board shall not establish qualifications or certification requirements for the issuance of a license issued under division (E) of this section in addition to those prescribed in that division. 75
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(F) Any license issued or renewed under former section 3319.226 of the Revised Code that was still in force on November 2, 2018, shall remain in force for the remainder of the term for which it was issued or renewed. Upon the expiration of that term, the holder of that license shall be subject to licensure under the rules adopted under this section. 79
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Sec. 3319.362. This section does not apply on or after June 30, 2025. 85
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Notwithstanding anything in this chapter to the contrary, an individual who is enrolled in a teacher preparation program, approved under section 3333.048 of the Revised Code, and is assigned to a school as a student teacher or intern may work as a substitute teacher in that school for up to five days. The teacher preparation program in which the individual is enrolled shall credit the hours spent substitute teaching under this section toward the number of student teaching or internship hours required under the program. 87
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Section 2. That existing section 3319.226 of the Revised Code is hereby repealed. 96
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Section 3. This act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is to ensure that schools have access to qualified substitute teachers in the event of a teacher shortage and that the act's provisions regarding educator licenses for substitute teachers take effect 98
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in a timely manner. Therefore, this act shall go into immediate
effect.

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