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SUMMARY

- Requires the State Board of Education when issuing educator licenses to specify whether the educator is licensed to teach grades pre-K through 5, grades 4 through 9, or grades 7 through 12.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Grade band specifications

The bill restores former law, in effect prior to H.B. 33 of the 135th General Assembly, regarding educator license grade bands. The bill requires the State Board of Education, when issuing resident, professional, senior professional, and lead professional educator licenses, to specify whether the educator is licensed to teach grades pre-K through 5, grades 4 through 9, or grades 7 through 12. Current law requires the State Board to specify whether the educator is licensed to teach grades pre-K through 8 or grades 7 through 12.¹

The bill also permits a person who holds a license issued between October 24, 2024 (the effective date of the most recent grade band specifications), and the bill's effective date to renew it with either the grade bands of the prior license or the new bands established by the bill. Similar provisions under current law permit a person who holds a license issued prior to the grade band specifications established in H.B. 33 or between H.B. 33 and the most recent grade band specifications established in S.B. 168 of the 135th General Assembly to either renew under the grade bands of the prior license or the grade bands specified in current law.²

¹ R.C. 3319.22(A)(1).

² R.C. 3319.079.

HISTORY

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