

HB 2411

Relating to the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

HB 2411 is makes changes to the licensing structure of the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission. It reduces the overall number of licenses to a more manageable number reflecting the work of a licensure redesign committee made up a wide cross section of educators and other stakeholders. A three-tiered system is established with a preliminary license, professional license, and a distinguished teacher leader license. The total number of teacher licenses and endorsements is reduced from 80 to 38.

The bill also increases the maximum amount of the license fee, the first increase in ten years. The maximum amount the Commission could charge for a basic teaching license increases to \$350 for either a three-year or five-year license. The actual amount that will be charged for 2015-17 is proposed at \$140 which is assumed in the recommended budget for the Commission. It should be noted that any increase beyond the current amount of \$100 requires approval by the Legislature through the budget process or a separate bill.

The Subcommittee proposes an amendment to the bill to retain the current name of the Commission instead of changing it to the Professional Educator Standards Board.

The Education Subcommittee recommends HB 2411 be amended by the -A2 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.