



1 under the general direction and control of the state board after  
2 consultation with the Secretary of Education and the Arts and the  
3 Chancellor for Higher Education who shall represent the interests  
4 of educator preparation programs within the institutions of higher  
5 education in this state as those institutions are defined in  
6 section two, article one, chapter eighteen-b of this code.

7 The education of professional educators in the state includes  
8 all programs leading to certification to ~~teach or~~ serve in the  
9 public schools including:

10 (1) Those programs in all institutions of higher education,  
11 including student teaching as provided in this section;

12 (2) Beginning teacher internship programs;

13 (3) The granting of West Virginia certification to persons who  
14 received their preparation to teach outside the boundaries of this  
15 state, except as provided in subsection (b) of this section;

16 (4) Any alternative preparation programs in this state leading  
17 to certification, including programs established pursuant to  
18 section 1-a of this article and programs which are in effect on the  
19 effective date of this section; and

20 (5) Any continuing professional education, professional  
21 development and in-service training programs for professional  
22 educators employed in the public schools in the state.

23 (b) The state board, after consultation with the Secretary of  
24 Education and the Arts and the Chancellor for Higher Education,

1 shall adopt standards for the education of professional educators  
2 in the state and for awarding certificates valid in the public  
3 schools of this state. The standards shall include, but not be  
4 limited to the following:

5 (1) ~~A provision for~~ The study of multicultural education. As  
6 used in this section, multicultural education means the study of  
7 the pluralistic nature of American society including its values,  
8 institutions, organizations, groups, status positions and social  
9 roles;

10 (2) ~~A provision for~~ The study of classroom management  
11 techniques, including methods of effective management of disruptive  
12 behavior which shall include societal factors and their impact on  
13 student behavior; and

14 (3) Subject to ~~the provisions of~~ section ten of this article,  
15 a teacher from another state shall be awarded a teaching  
16 certificate for a comparable grade level and subject area valid in  
17 the public schools of this state, if he or she:

18 (A) Holds a valid teaching certificate or a certificate of  
19 eligibility issued by another state;

20 (B) Has graduated from an educator preparation program at a  
21 regionally accredited institution of higher education;

22 (C) Possesses the minimum of a bachelor's degree; and

23 (D) Meets all of the requirements of the state for full  
24 certification except employment.

1       (E) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, this  
2 code, or any other provision of rule or law, any person who holds  
3 a valid teaching certificate from another state and has held said  
4 certificate for a period of ten years or longer, regardless of the  
5 school or university accreditation from which they graduated, and  
6 meets all other requirements for certification set forth in this  
7 article, shall be in compliance with the requirements of the State  
8 of West Virginia for teacher certification.

9       (c) To give prospective teachers the teaching experience needed  
10 to demonstrate competence as a prerequisite to certification to  
11 teach in the West Virginia public schools, the state board may  
12 enter into an agreement with county boards for the use of the  
13 public schools.

14       (d) An agreement established pursuant to subsection (c) of this  
15 section shall recognize student teaching as a joint responsibility  
16 of the educator preparation institution and the cooperating public  
17 schools and shall include:

18       (1) The minimum qualifications for the employment of public  
19 school teachers selected as supervising teachers, including the  
20 requirement that field-based and clinical experiences be supervised  
21 by a teacher fully certified in the state in which that teacher is  
22 supervising;

23       (2) The remuneration to be paid public school teachers by the  
24 state board, in addition to their contractual salaries, for

1 supervising student teachers;

2 (3) Minimum standards to guarantee the adequacy of the  
3 facilities and program of the public school selected for student  
4 teaching;

5 (4) That the student teacher, under the direction and  
6 supervision of the supervising teacher, shall exercise the  
7 authority of a substitute teacher; and

8 (5) ~~A provision requiring~~ That any higher education institution  
9 with an educator preparation program ~~to~~ shall document that the  
10 student teacher's field-based and clinical experiences include  
11 participation and instruction with multicultural, at-risk and  
12 exceptional children at each programmatic level for which the  
13 student teacher seeks certification.

14 (e) Beginning in the fall 2006 - 2007 academic term, in lieu of  
15 the student teaching experience in a public school setting required  
16 by this section, an institution of higher education may provide an  
17 alternate student teaching experience in a nonpublic school setting  
18 if the institution of higher education:

19 (1) Complies with ~~the provisions of~~ this section;

20 (2) Has a state board approved educator preparation program;

21 and

22 (3) Enters into an agreement pursuant to subdivisions (f) and  
23 (g) of this section.

24 (f) At the discretion of the higher education institution, an

1 agreement for an alternate student teaching experience between an  
2 institution of higher education and a nonpublic school shall  
3 require that either:

4 (1) The student teacher complete at least one half of the  
5 clinical experience in a public school; or

6 (2) The educator preparation program include a requirement that  
7 any student performing student teaching in a nonpublic school  
8 complete at least:

9 (A) Two hundred clock hours of field-based training in a public  
10 school; and

11 (B) A course, which is a component of the institution's state  
12 board approved educator preparation program, that provides to  
13 prospective teachers information ~~that is~~ equivalent to the teaching  
14 experience needed to demonstrate competence as a prerequisite to  
15 certification to teach in the public schools in West Virginia. The  
16 course shall include instruction on at least the following  
17 elements:

18 (i) State board policy and ~~provisions~~ of this code governing  
19 public education;

20 (ii) Requirements for federal and state accountability,  
21 including the mandatory reporting of child abuse;

22 (iii) Federal and state mandated curriculum and assessment  
23 requirements, including multicultural education, safe schools and  
24 student code of conduct;

1 (iv) Federal and state regulations for the instruction of  
2 exceptional students as defined by the Individuals with  
3 Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. §1400 *et seq.*;

4 (v) Varied approaches for effective instruction for students  
5 who are at-risk;

6 (g) In addition to the requirements set forth in subsection (f)  
7 of this section, an agreement for an alternate student teaching  
8 experience between an institution of higher education and a  
9 nonpublic school shall:

10 (1) Require that the higher education institution with an  
11 educator preparation program document that the student teacher's  
12 field-based and clinical experiences include participation and  
13 instruction with multicultural, at-risk and exceptional children at  
14 each programmatic level for which the student teacher seeks  
15 certification; and

16 (2) Include the minimum qualifications for the employment of  
17 school teachers selected as supervising teachers, including the  
18 requirement that field-based and clinical experiences be supervised  
19 by a teacher fully certified in the state in which that teacher is  
20 supervising.

21 (h) The state superintendent may issue certificates to  
22 graduates of educator preparation programs and alternative educator  
23 preparation programs approved by the state board. The certificates  
24 are issued in accordance with this section and rules adopted by the

1 state board after consultation with the Secretary of Education and  
2 the Arts and the Chancellor for Higher Education.

3 (1) A certificate to teach may be granted only to any person  
4 who is:

5 (A) A citizen of the United States, except as provided in  
6 subdivision (2) of this subsection;

7 (B) Is of good moral character;

8 (C) Physically, mentally and emotionally qualified to perform  
9 the duties of a teacher; and

10 (D) At least eighteen years on or before ~~the first day of~~  
11 October 1 of the year in which his or her certificate is issued.

12 (2) A permit to teach in the public schools of this state may  
13 be granted to a person who is an exchange teacher from a foreign  
14 country, or an alien person who meets the requirements to teach.

15 (i) In consultation with the Secretary of Education and the  
16 Arts and the Chancellor for Higher Education, institutions of  
17 higher education approved for educator preparation may cooperate  
18 with each other, with the center for professional development and  
19 with one or more county boards to organize and operate centers to  
20 provide selected phases of the educator preparation program. The  
21 phases include, but are not limited to:

22 (1) Student teaching;

23 (2) Beginning teacher internship programs;

24 (3) Instruction in methodology; and



1 (4) Seminar programs for college students, teachers with  
2 provisional certification, professional support team members and  
3 supervising teachers.

4 The institutions of higher education, the center for  
5 professional development and county boards may by mutual agreement  
6 budget and expend funds to operate the centers through payments to  
7 the appropriate fiscal office of the participating institutions,  
8 the center for professional development and the county boards.

9 (j) ~~The provisions of~~ This section does not require  
10 discontinuation of an existing student teacher training center or  
11 school which meets the standards of the state board.

12 (k) All institutions of higher education approved for educator  
13 preparation in the 1962-1963 school year shall continue to hold  
14 that distinction so long as they meet the minimum standards for  
15 educator preparation. Nothing in this section infringes upon the  
16 rights granted to any institution by charter given according to law  
17 previous to the adoption of this code.

18 (l) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, or  
19 this code, nor or any other provision of rule or law ~~or this code~~  
20 to the contrary, an institution of higher education may enter into  
21 an agreement with a nonpublic school:

22 (1) For the purposes of this section regarding student  
23 teaching;

24 (2) For the spring, 2006 academic term only;

1 (3) If the institution is approved for educator preparation by  
2 the state board; and

3 (4) If the institution had entered into the agreement for that  
4 academic term prior to the effective date of this section.

5 (m) As used in this section:

6 (1) "Nonpublic school" means a private school, parochial  
7 school, church school, school operated by a religious order or  
8 other nonpublic school that elects to:

9 (A) Comply with ~~the provisions of~~ article twenty-eight, chapter  
10 eighteen of this code;

11 (B) Participate on a voluntary basis in a state operated or  
12 state sponsored program provided to such schools pursuant to this  
13 section; and

14 (C) Comply with ~~the provisions of~~ this section;

15 (2) "At-risk" means having the potential for academic failure,  
16 including, but not limited to, the risk of dropping out of school,  
17 involvement in delinquent activity or poverty as indicated by free  
18 or reduced lunch status; and

19 (3) "Exceptional children" has the meaning ascribed pursuant to  
20 section one, article twenty, chapter eighteen of this code, but  
21 does not include gifted students.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to allow teachers who graduated from colleges and universities that are not accredited by associations recognized in West Virginia, to obtain a teaching

certificate based on their certification in another state of at least ten years.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.