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2 By Representative DuBose
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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 Relating to alternative teacher preparation programs
5 and teacher certification; to amend Section 2 of Act 2022-239,
6 2022 Regular Session, now appearing as Section 16-23-3.1, Code
7 of Alabama 1975, to provide additional requirements for
8 programs.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

10 Section 1. Section 2 of Act 2022-239, 2022 Regular
11 Session, now appearing as Section 16-23-3.1, Code of Alabama
12 1975, is amended to read as follows:

13 "§16-23-3.1

14 (a) The State of Alabama shall modify its policies
15 relative to the certification of teachers to permit the
16 issuance of a professional educator certificate to those
17 qualified individuals who successfully complete an approved
18 alternative teacher preparation program. In addition to any
19 provisional certificates and professional certificates issued
20 pursuant to this chapter to individuals graduating from
21 approved teacher education programs, the State Board of
22 Education shall authorize the issuance of a professional
23 educator certificate by the State Superintendent of Education
24 to a qualified individual who completes an approved
25 alternative teacher preparation program.

26 (b) The State Superintendent of Education shall
27 maintain a database of alternative teacher education
28 preparation organizations, approved by the State Board of



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29 Education, as a means for screening, recruiting, and
30 recommending for certification qualified individuals to teach
31 in the public K-12 schools. An approved alternative teacher
32 education preparation organization, ~~at a minimum,~~ shall
33 require each applicant whom the approved organization
34 recommends for initial licensure to satisfy all of the
35 following:

36 (1) Hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited
37 institution of higher education which offers, at a minimum,
38 junior and senior level courses of instruction.

39 (2) Successfully pass a criminal history background
40 information check.

41 (3) Successfully complete an alternative teacher
42 preparation program offered by the approved organization.

43 (c) ~~In~~ Any provision of law to the contrary
44 notwithstanding, in determining which alternative teacher
45 education preparation organizations to approve, the State
46 Board of Education, ~~may shall~~ consider ~~prerequisites~~
47 ~~including, but not limited to,~~ only the following
48 prerequisites:

49 (1) Successful operation in at least five states and
50 shall not be on probation in any of those states. This
51 requirement does not apply to two-year or four-year
52 institutions of higher education operating in the state with
53 state-approved programs.

54 (2) Successful operation of an alternative teacher
55 education preparation program for at least 10 years.

56 (3) Requirement that an applicant pass ~~a subject area~~



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57 ~~examination, professional teaching examination, or both an~~
58 ~~examination that is substantively aligned with Alabama~~
59 ~~standards in subject area, pedagogy, or both an examination~~
60 ~~that is substantively aligned with Alabama standards in~~
61 ~~subject area, pedagogy, or both.~~

62 (4) Evidence of successfully certifying at least 10,000
63 teachers in the United States. This requirement does not apply
64 to two-year or four-year institutions of higher education
65 operating in the state with state-approved programs.

66 (5) If an alternative teacher education preparation
67 organization does not satisfy the prerequisites provided in
68 subdivisions (1) through (4), the alternative teacher
69 education preparation organization may be approved if
70 certified by the Council for the Accreditation of Education
71 Preparation.

72 (d) An individual who is granted a professional
73 educator certificate pursuant to this section may teach in the
74 subject areas and at the educational levels he or she has
75 successfully completed through the alternative teacher
76 preparation program offered by the approved alternative
77 teacher education preparation organization.

78 (e) An individual who holds a professional educator
79 certificate pursuant to this section may apply for a
80 professional renewal license and shall in all other respects
81 be treated in the same manner as an individual who holds a
82 professional educator certificate granted upon successful
83 completion of traditional, in-state teaching certification
84 programs.



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85 (f) An approved alternative teacher education
86 preparation organization shall submit a detailed report to the
87 State Board of Education annually detailing the number of
88 individuals who completed the program during that year.

89 (g) Upon receiving an alternative certificate to teach
90 pursuant to this section, the teacher shall participate in the
91 Alabama Teacher Mentorship Program if hired by a local board
92 of education that participates in the program. ~~were enrolled~~
93 ~~in the program and the number of individuals who completed the~~
94 ~~program during that year.~~"

95 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the first
96 day of the third month following its passage and approval by
97 the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and was passed by the House 11-May-23.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate

01-Jun-23

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