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HOUSE BILL ***1498***

AN ACT relative to alternate certification pathways for career and technical education instructors.

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COMMITTEE: Education

ANALYSIS

This bill permits local school boards to offer a certificate of eligibility to a person interested in becoming a career and technical educator in an identified specialty area.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eighteen

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 New Subdivision; Alternative Certification for Career and Technical Education Educator. Amend RSA 188-E by inserting after section 29 the following new subdivision:

Alternative Certification for Career and Technical Education Educator

188-E:30 Three-Year Certificate of Eligibility for Career and Technical Education Educator.

I. The local school board, in consultation with the superintendent, principal, or CTE director, may offer a one-time, 3-year certificate of eligibility to any person interested in becoming a career and technical educator in an identified specialty area, on a full-time or part-time basis, without requiring the person to possess a teaching credential, teaching license, or other teaching certification provided that such person:

(a) Demonstrates competence in basic academic skills in reading, writing, and mathematics as documented in a professional portfolio that includes:

(1) A detailed statement or report of competence and evidence of the applicant's success in applying knowledge and skills in the workplace; and

(2) Other information including but not limited to: transcripts of all education attained including career and professional development training, business and industry recommendations, and a complete employment resume to include positions of supervision and leadership.

(b) Is qualified for the position by relevant, verifiable work experience of 5 or more years with a minimum of 180 full-time days per year in a career and technical content-specific field; and

(c) Has successfully completed and received a work-related recognized technical training certificate or credential delivered by an experienced industry certified training specialist if such a certificate or credential is an expectation or requirement of workers in the related industry.

II. The local school board shall submit a request to the department for a waiver of the requirement for a formal basic competency assessment such as, but not limited to, the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators. The department may waive such requirement on the request of the superintendent, principal, or CTE director.

III. The employing school district shall complete a criminal history records check on every selected applicant pursuant to RSA 189:13-a.

IV. The local school board, with input from the superintendent or CTE director, shall formulate the terms of the certificate of eligibility that shall identify a career and technical

education specialty area aligned to the teaching assignment and that shall contain no tenure provisions.

V. The department of education shall be notified of the issuance of all certificates of eligibility within 30 days of the date of issuance.

VI. Upon satisfactory completion of the 3-year certificate of eligibility and also contingent upon earning a rating of "effective" or above on the teacher evaluations from the evaluating supervisor for at least the last 2 years of the 3-year certificate period, the teacher shall be eligible to be certified as a career and technical educator only in the identified specialty area and in a career and technical education center.

VII. Any person who has had a teaching credential, teaching license, or other teaching certification revoked under RSA 189:14-c or RSA 189:14-d, or who has been rendered ineligible to be employed as a teacher under another provision of law, shall not be eligible to teach under this section.

VIII. No person shall be offered more than one certificate of eligibility under this section.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.