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1	* * * Agency of Education * * *
2	Sec. 22. 16 V.S.A. § 1691a is amended to read:
3	§ 1691a. DEFINITIONS
4	As used in this chapter:
5	* * *
6	(10) "Teacher" means an individual licensed under this chapter or an
7	individual licensed under Title 26 who holds a corresponding endorsement
8	under this chapter, the majority of whose employed time in a public school
9	district or supervisory union is assigned to furnish to students direct
10	instructional or other educational services, as defined by rule of the Standards
11	Board, or who is otherwise subject to licensing as determined by the Standards
12	Board.
13	Sec. 23. 16 V.S.A. § 1694 is amended to read:
14	§ 1694. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE STANDARDS BOARD FOR
15	PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS
16	In addition to any other powers and duties prescribed by law or incidental or
17	necessary to the exercise of such lawful powers and duties, the Standards
18	Board shall:

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(1) Adopt rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 with 1	respect to the
licensing of teachers and administrators, and of speech-language	uage pathologists
and audiologists as provided in 26 V.S.A. chapter 87.	
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§ 1694a. ENDORSEMENT OF PROFESSIONALS LICENSED UNDER

TITLE 26

Sec. 24. 16 V.S.A. § 1694a is added to read:

(a)(1) If the Standards Board finds that a class of professionals licensed under Title 26 performs services within schools that constitute direct instructional or other educational services, the Standards Board shall develop an appropriate endorsement in joint consultation with the Director of the Office of Professional Regulation.

(2) Such an endorsement shall be adopted pursuant to the provisions of the Vermont Administrative Procedure Act.

(b) An endorsement issued to an individual licensed under Title 26 shall be administered by the Office of Professional Regulation and indicated by a special designation on the professional license signifying that the licensee possesses the additional qualifications, if any, required to obtain the

endorsement.

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1	(c)(1) A licensee shall not be required to pay any fee to obtain an endorsed
2	license under this section, except the ordinary fee required to obtain and renew
3	the underlying professional license.
4	(2) Such a licensee shall not be required to file duplicative
5	documentation with different subdivisions of State government.
6	(d)(1) The Office of Professional Regulation and the Agency of Education
7	each shall notify the other immediately upon a change in licensure or
8	endorsement status pertaining to a Title 26 licensee holding an endorsement
9	under this chapter or upon receipt of a disciplinary complaint against such
10	licensee.
11	(2) The Agency, the Standards Board, and the Office and its subsidiary
12	boards shall maintain their investigative and disciplinary jurisdiction over such
13	a licensee.
14	(3) The Office and the Agency shall cooperate in workforce-data or
15	discipline reporting.
16	Sec. 25. TRANSITIONAL PROVISION; TITLE 26 LICENSEE
17	ENDORSEMENTS
18	An individual licensed pursuant to Title 26 who, on the effective date of this
19	section, holds a corresponding endorsement from the Standards Board for
20	Professional Educators shall be entitled to receive from the Office of

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1	Professional Regulation a new endorsed Title 26 license valid through the
2	existing expiration of his or her Title 26 license. The Office shall issue these
3	endorsed licenses on or before January 1, 2017.
4	* * * Effective Dates * * *
5	Sec. 26. EFFECTIVE DATES
6	This act shall take effect on July 1, 2016, except:
7	(1) this section and Secs. 20 (findings and purpose) and 21 (professional
8	regulation report) shall take effect on passage;
9	(2) Secs. 2-5 (regarding alcohol and drug abuse counselors) shall take
10	effect on September 1, 2016;
11	(3) Secs. 8-14 (regarding potable water supply and wastewater system
12	designers and pollution abatement facility operators) shall take effect on
13	January 1, 2017; and
14	(4) Sec. 17, 26 V.S.A. § 3202 (social workers; prohibition) shall take
15	effect on July 1, 2017.
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17	(Committee vote:)
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19	Senator
20	FOR THE COMMITTEE