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TESTIMONY PROVIDED TO: Senate Education Committee
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TOPIC: Educator Licensing Requirements for Regional CTE Centers
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Overview

This language is currently under consideration by the Senate Education committee:

Sec. 2. EDUCATOR LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR REGIONAL CTE CENTERS

The Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators shall consider whether the educator licensing requirements that apply to regional CTE centers, as defined in 16 V.S.A. § 1522, are appropriate in consideration of the training and experience of educators employed by these centers, the adoption by certain regional CTE centers of a school based teacher quality and performance measurement program approved by the New England Association of Schools of Colleges, and such other factors the Board finds relevant. The Board shall specifically consider whether educators employed by these centers should be required to pass the Praxis examination in order to be licensed. On or before December 1, 2018, the Board shall report its findings and recommendations to the House and Senate Committees on Education.

Response

The AOE will support the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators (VSBPE) in considering this matter.

The VSBPE has two remaining meetings in 2017-18. Depending on if this bill passes, this may or may not be an item that is taken up this term. There will be four meetings from August through November where the VSBPE may take up the item. In all likelihood, the matter will be discussed first in Licensure Committee which oversees and supports local and regional standards boards, focuses on issues and policies related to teacher and administrator quality, oversees the teacher and administrator relicensing process and oversees the endorsement revision process for Licensing Rules.

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