



1       (a) *Professional teaching certificates.* --

2       (1) A professional teaching certificate for teaching in the  
3 public schools may be issued to a person who meets the following  
4 conditions:

5       (A) Holds at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited  
6 institution of higher education in this state, and

7       (i) Has completed a program for the education of teachers  
8 which meets the requirements approved by the state board; or

9       (ii) Has met equivalent standards at institutions in other  
10 states and has passed appropriate state board approved basic skills  
11 and subject matter tests or has completed three years of successful  
12 experience within the last seven years in the area for which  
13 licensure is being sought; or

14       (B) Holds at least a bachelor's degree in a discipline taught  
15 in the public schools from an accredited institution of higher  
16 education, and

17       (i) Has passed appropriate state board approved basic skills  
18 and subject matter tests; or

19       (ii) Has completed three years of successful experience within  
20 the last seven years in the area for which licensure is being  
21 sought; and

22       (I) Has completed an alternative program for teacher education  
23 approved by the state board,

24       (II) Is recommended for a certificate in accordance with the

1 provisions of sections one-a and one-b of this article relating to  
2 the program, or

3 (III) Is recommended by the state superintendent based on  
4 documentation submitted.

5 (2) The certificate shall be endorsed to indicate the grade  
6 level or levels or areas of specialization in which the person is  
7 certified to teach or to serve in the public schools.

8 (3) The initial professional certificate is issued  
9 provisionally for a period of three years from the date of  
10 issuance:

11 (A) The certificate may be converted to a professional  
12 certificate valid for five years subject to successful completion  
13 of a beginning teacher internship or induction program, if  
14 applicable; or

15 (B) The certificate may be renewed subject to rules adopted by  
16 the state board.

17 (b) *Alternative program teacher certificate.* -- An alternative  
18 program teacher certificate may be issued to a candidate who is  
19 enrolled in an alternative program for the education of teachers in  
20 accordance with the provisions of section one-a of this article.

21 (1) The certificate is valid only for the alternative program  
22 position in which the candidate is employed and is subject to  
23 enrollment in the program.

24 (2) The certificate is valid for one year and may be renewed

1 for each of the following two consecutive years only.

2 (c) *Professional administrative certificate.* --

3 (1) A professional administrative certificate, endorsed for  
4 serving in the public schools, with specific endorsement as a  
5 principal, vocational administrator, supervisor of instructions or  
6 superintendent, may be issued to a person who has completed  
7 requirements all to be approved by the state board as follows:

8 (A) Holds at least a master's degree from an institution of  
9 higher education accredited to offer a master's degree; and

10 (i) Has successfully completed an approved program for  
11 administrative certification developed by the state board in  
12 cooperation with the chancellor for higher education, and

13 (ii) Has successfully completed education and training in  
14 evaluation skills through the center for professional development,  
15 or equivalent education and training in evaluation skills approved  
16 by the state board, and

17 (iii) Possesses three years of management level experience.

18 (2) Any person serving in the position of dean of students on  
19 June 4, 1992, is not required to hold a professional administrative  
20 certificate.

21 (3) The initial professional administrative certificate is  
22 issued provisionally for a period of five years. This certificate  
23 may be converted to a professional administrative certificate valid  
24 for five years or renewed, subject to the regulations of the state

1 board.

2 (d) *Paraprofessional certificate.* -- A paraprofessional  
3 certificate may be issued to a person who meets the following  
4 conditions:

5 (1) Has completed thirty-six semester hours of post-secondary  
6 education or its equivalent in subjects directly related to  
7 performance of the job, all approved by the state board; and

8 (2) Demonstrates the proficiencies to perform duties as  
9 required of a paraprofessional as defined in section eight, article  
10 four of this chapter.

11 (e) *Barrister's certificate.* -- A barrister's certificate may  
12 be issued to a person:

13 (1) Admitted to the practice of law in West Virginia pursuant  
14 to the rules promulgated by the Supreme Court of Appeals of West  
15 Virginia;

16 (2) In good standing with the West Virginia State Bar; and

17 (3) Demonstrates to the State Superintendent of Schools the  
18 professional experience necessary to serve as a volunteer  
19 professional educator in course specific curricula.

20 The certificate shall be endorsed to indicate the grade level  
21 or levels or areas of specialization in which the person is  
22 certified to professionally teach or to serve in the public  
23 schools.

24 ~~(e)~~ (f) Other certificates; permits. --

1           (1) Other certificates and permits may be issued, subject to  
2 the approval of the state board, to persons who do not qualify for  
3 the professional or paraprofessional certificate.

4           (2) A certificate or permit may not be given permanent status  
5 and a person holding one of these credentials shall meet renewal  
6 requirements provided by law and by regulation, unless the state  
7 board declares certain of these certificates to be the equivalent  
8 of the professional certificate.

9           (2) A certificate or permit may not be given permanent status  
10 and a person holding one of these credentials shall meet renewal  
11 requirements provided by law and by regulation, unless the state  
12 board declares certain of these certificates to be the equivalent  
13 of the professional certificate.

14           (3) Within the category of other certificates and permits, the  
15 state superintendent may issue certificates for persons to serve in  
16 the public schools as athletic coaches or coaches of other  
17 extracurricular activities, whose duties may include the  
18 supervision of students, subject to the following limitations:

19           (A) The person is employed under a contract with the county  
20 board of education.

21           (i) The contract specifies the duties to be performed,  
22 specifies a rate of pay that is equivalent to the rate of pay for  
23 professional educators in the district who accept similar duties as  
24 extra duty assignments, and provides for liability insurance

1 associated with the activity; and

2 (ii) The person holding this certificate is not considered an  
3 employee of the board for salary and benefit purposes other than as  
4 specified in the contract.

5 (B) A currently employed certified professional educator has  
6 not applied for the position; and

7 (C) The person completes an orientation program designed and  
8 approved in accordance with state board rules.

9 ~~(f)~~ (g) *Teacher-In-Residence Permit.* --

10 (1) A teacher-in-residence permit may be issued to a candidate  
11 who is enrolled in a teacher-in-residence program in accordance  
12 with an agreement between an institution of higher education and a  
13 county board. The agreement is developed pursuant to subsection  
14 (f), section one of this article and requires approval by the state  
15 board.

16 (2) The permit is valid only for the teacher-in-residence  
17 program position in which the candidate is enrolled and is subject  
18 to enrollment in the program. The permit is valid for no more than  
19 one school year and may not be renewed.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to permit the issuance of a  
barrister's certificate to teach course specific curricula in West  
Virginia public schools.

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

be added.