

1           A SUGGESTED ENABLING ACT FOR THE INTERSTATE  
 2           AGREEMENT ON QUALIFICATIONS OF EDUCATIONAL PERSONNEL  
 3                   HOUSE BILL NO. 348  
 4                   INTRODUCED BY ESTENSON  
 5           BY REQUEST OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT  
 6                   OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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