

1 H BILL NO. 541
 2 INTRODUCED BY Meyer Edmund Peterson
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 6 SPECIALISTS; AMENDING SECTIONS 75-6004 AND 75-6006, R.C.M.
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 11 read as follows:

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16 (2) He has a certificate of a licensed physician
 17 attesting to his satisfactory health;

18 (3) He is a citizen of the United States except as
 19 provided in section 75-6005;

20 (4) He is of good moral and professional character;

21 (5) He has completed the teacher education program of
 22 a unit of the Montana university system, or an essentially
 23 equivalent program at an accredited institution in the
 24 United States of equal rank and standing as that of any unit
 25 of the Montana university system, and such training shall be

1 evidenced by at least a bachelor's degree and a
 2 certification of the completion of the teacher education
 3 program, except as provided for in subsection subsections
 4 (4) and (6), section 75-6006; and

5 (6) He has subscribed to the following oath or
 6 affirmation before an officer authorized by law to
 7 administer oaths:

8 "I solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the
 9 constitution of the United States of America, the
 10 constitution of the state of Montana, and the laws of the
 11 United States and the state of Montana, and will, by precept
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 15 government of the United States of America."

16 Section 2. Section 75-6006, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
 17 read as follows:

18 "75-6006. Classifications of teacher certificates. The
 19 superintendent of public instruction shall issue teacher
 20 certificates and the board of education shall adopt teacher
 21 certification policies on the basis of the following
 22 classifications of teacher certificates:

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 24 professional certificate may be issued to an otherwise
 25 qualified applicant who has completed a teacher education

1 program which includes a bachelor's degree and a minimum of
 2 one year of study beyond such degree in a unit of the
 3 Montana university system or an equivalent institution. The
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 5 instruction, secondary instruction or both, and for
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 7 academic and professional training and according to the
 8 board of education policy for teacher certification
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10 (2) Class 2. Standard certificate. The standard
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 12 applicant who has completed a four-year teacher education
 13 program and who has been awarded a bachelor's degree by a
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 6 education certificate. The vocational, recreational, or
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 10 education or the qualifications required by the special
 11 needs of the several vocational, recreational, or adult
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 13 the board of education for the issuance of this
 14 classification of teacher certification.

15 (5) Class 5. Provisional certificate. The provisional
 16 certificate may be issued to an otherwise qualified
 17 applicant who can provide satisfactory evidence of his
 18 intent to qualify in the future for a class 1 or a class 2
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4 special services to schools require certification and shall
5 adopt policies establishing the standards for certification
6 of each profession. A specialist certificate may be issued
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8 experience required under the standards of the board of
9 public education for the certification of that profession.

10 For purposes of evaluating the qualifications of
11 applicants for teacher certificates, a year means the
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