

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 225—ASSEMBLYMEN TOLLES, BROWN-MAY;
ANDERSON, DURAN, HANSEN, HARDY, KRASNER, LEAVITT,
NGUYEN, ROBERTS AND TORRES

MARCH 10, 2021

JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS LANGE; AND DENIS

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing examinations for the
licensure of teachers and other educational
personnel. (BDR 34-139)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to education; requiring the provision of
accommodations on examinations to certain applicants for
an initial license as a teacher or other educational
personnel; and providing other matters properly relating
thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law requires the Commission on Professional Standards in Education
2 to adopt regulations governing examinations for the initial licensing of teachers and
3 other educational personnel. (NRS 391.021) This bill requires that the examinations
4 are administered in a manner that provides reasonable accommodations to an
5 applicant with a disability or health-related need, including, without limitation, a
6 learning disability.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 391.021 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 391.021 *1.* Except as otherwise provided in NRS 391.027,
3 the Commission shall adopt regulations governing examinations for



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1 the initial licensing of teachers and other educational personnel. The
2 regulations adopted by the Commission must ensure that ~~the~~ :

3 (a) *The examinations test the ability of the applicant to teach*
4 *and the applicant's knowledge of each specific subject he or she*
5 *proposes to teach* ~~the~~ ; and

6 (b) *The examinations are administered in a manner that*
7 *provides reasonable accommodations to an applicant with a*
8 *disability or health-related need, including, without limitation, a*
9 *learning disability.*

10 2. *When adopting regulations pursuant to subsection 1, the*
11 *Commission shall consider including any exceptions from such*
12 *examinations for persons with a disability or health-related need*
13 *that the Commission determines are necessary and appropriate.*

14 3. Teachers and educational personnel from another state who
15 obtain a reciprocal license pursuant to NRS 391.032 are not required
16 to take the examinations for the initial licensing of teachers and
17 other educational personnel described in this section or any other
18 examination for initial licensing required by the regulations adopted
19 by the Commission.

20 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2021.

