

HB 2731 - DIGEST

Finds that advanced certification and education for teachers should focus on deepening teachers' knowledge in the academic content area in which they instruct.

Finds that current professional certification programs fail to provide adequate focus on academic content, instead offering general and often repetitive coursework in classroom management, learning theory, personal growth, and other topics. Moreover, professional certification programs vary widely depending on the college or university offering them. Professional certification does not provide sufficient additional value to a teacher's knowledge and skills to warrant being required of all teachers.

Declares an intent to remove the mandate of professional certification for teachers and replace it with an incentive for teachers to obtain advanced education in a specific content area.