

Office Memorandum

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To: Michelle Hersh Vaught, Rulemaking
Specialist, Professional Educator Licensing
and Standards Board

From: Matthew Dobratz, Executive Budget Officer,
Minnesota Management and Budget

Subject: M.S. 14.131 – Review of Proposed Rules of the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board related to Licensing and Academic Standards; Revisor’s ID Number R-4615

Background

The Professional Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB) is proposing new rules related to licensing and academic standards in Minnesota Rules, Chapter 8710. Pursuant to M.S. 14.131, the Commissioner of Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) has been asked to help evaluate the fiscal impacts and benefits these changes may have on local units of government.

As identified in the Statement of Need and Reasonableness (SONAR), pursuant to M.S. 122A.09, PELSB is responsible for licensing teachers and the development and adoption of rules related to licensing requirements. The proposed rule changes update licensure rules for teachers, including the requirements to obtain and renew a tiered license, as well as the pedagogical standards for teacher preparation programs.

Evaluation

On behalf of the Commissioner of Minnesota Management and Budget, I have reviewed the proposed changes and the draft of the SONAR to explore the potential fiscal impact these changes may have on local governments.

The proposed rules may impact Minnesota teacher candidates, teacher educators, school districts, charter schools, and teacher preparation programs. The only definition of local government within M.S. Chapter 14 does not include local education agencies (LEAs) such as school districts and charter schools.¹ Because this rule primarily affects LEAs, these proposed rules are not anticipated to cause a fiscal impact on local units of government.

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¹ M.S. 14.128 states that “‘Local government’ means a town, county, or home rule charter or statutory city.”