

REFERENCE TITLE: highly qualified teachers; proficiency examinations

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# HB 2564

Introduced by  
Representatives Anderson, Pancrazi

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-533, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO SCHOOL  
TEACHERS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 15-533, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 15-533. Reciprocity; proficiency examination

5 A. To qualify for either a basic or standard teaching certificate, or  
6 equivalent certificate later adopted by the state board of education, a  
7 person must pass each component of the proficiency examination developed and  
8 administered by the state board of education. The proficiency examination  
9 shall consist of only a professional knowledge test and a subject knowledge  
10 test. A person is not required to take the examination if the person has  
11 passed a proficiency examination adopted by a state board of education or  
12 equivalent agency in another state. **A PERSON IS NOT REQUIRED TO PASS THE  
13 SUBJECT KNOWLEDGE PORTION OF THE PROFICIENCY EXAMINATION IF THAT PERSON IS  
14 HIGHLY QUALIFIED AS DEFINED IN 20 UNITED STATES CODE SECTION 7801 IN THAT  
15 SUBJECT AREA.** The state board of education may grant a basic or standard  
16 teaching certificate for not to exceed one year to a teacher who is a  
17 nonresident and who has not met the requirement of this section at the time  
18 of application.

19 B. A person is not required to pass the proficiency examination or the  
20 equivalent examination more than once, except that a person who passed the  
21 examination developed and administered in this state by the state board of  
22 education seven or more years before qualifying to teach in this state is  
23 required to repass the examination. A person who passed a proficiency  
24 examination adopted by a state board of education or equivalent agency in  
25 another state seven or more years before qualifying to teach in this state is  
26 required to pass the proficiency examination developed and administered in  
27 this state by the state board of education, except that a person who has been  
28 employed as a teacher in another state for at least five of the previous  
29 seven years before qualifying to teach in this state is not required to  
30 repass the examination.

31 C. A person who is not required to pass the proficiency examination  
32 developed and administered in this state by the state board of education  
33 pursuant to ~~subsections~~ **SUBSECTION** A or B shall only be granted reciprocity  
34 for those proficiency examinations required in this state that pertain to the  
35 grade levels and content areas that the person is certified to teach in  
36 another state.