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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1079

House Education Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 13, 2003

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Committee Clerk Signature <i>Linda Giechtner</i>			

Minutes:

Chairman Kelsch open hearing on bill.

SUPPORT

Mary Wahl, North Dakota Council of Educational Leaders, HB 1079 clarifies the authority the Superintendent of Public Instruction has for the issuance of credentials to school personnel. It is really a clarification of that authority and that is that part of the bill that I support. It is that way things have happened in the past and the DPI is comfortable with this authority and responsibility, and as are the administrators.

Rep. Mueller Could you bring us up to speed as to what kind of credentials we are taking about?

Wahl: We are talking about the credentials for the administrators.

Rep. Sitte "to fulfill the duties .." is this sort of nebulous language that the administrator/superintendent already has to adopt rules? Why would we need to put this into code.

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Wahl: declined to answer.

Rep. Haas In that regard you can't tell by reading this that it is specific to administrators and I think it doesn't differentiate very well between the responsibilities of DPI vs. the responsibilities ESPB?

Chairman Kelsch : closed the hearing on 1079 and moved to the next until Mr. Gronberg DPI is present.

Anita Decker, director of School Approval and Accreditation for the DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, This particular bill is intended to clarify the superintendent's authority to issue credentials. My unit issues credentials for counselors, all levels of school administrators and librarians and as well as drivers education instructors. During the interim we were working with the credential administrative rules and questions were raised several times as to where authority lied should be with the ESPB or DPI. This places the authority to issue credentials with my unit. It doesn't extended our authority in any way.

Rep. Sitte: Several nonpublic school administrators really don't have the right credentials, would this or any way change any of their responsibilities?

Decker no, it changes nothing.

Rep. Haas (referred to line 32.) Impossible to relate to the particular jobs this effects, would it not be better to list those particular position in the bill?

Decker: If that is what you want it is acceptable to the department.

Rep. Williams (referring to line 8) When I read the old language the superintendent of Department of Public Instruction to adopt rules governing the accreditation, I do not see why that need to be added, it seems to be redundant.

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Decker: We also felt that the authority was clear under the accreditation rules but, there were many questions particularly for school administrators. So we drafted this language in concert with the ND Council of Education Leaders.

Rep. Williams look at the bill, 'may adopt . ', it doesn't add clarity to the rule.

Chairman Kelsch: Basically they 'may adopt rules to fulfill the duties ..' then they 'shall adopt rules governing the accreditation of the public and non public schools' and the issuance of credentials to school personnel.

Decker: I believe the real confusion was in the statement of the administration rules as pertaining to the credentials. Because reference is made in those rules to the education standards and practices board.

Rep. Haas Name those positions again, please?

Decker: Administrative counselors, school administrators, and librarians. In addition there is credentials in reading and math that are issued under title I.

Rep. Mueller : Rule governing the CC, delineate between groups that going to credential teachers **Decker:** Teachers receive licenses now that is what the ESPB issues they also issue some Special Ed credentials. I'm not entirely clear whether they call them endorsements or credentials.

Rep. Mueller The rule makes that determination not the law.

Decker: I believe there is a law on teacher's licensing.

Rep. Mueller Confusion on part of school administrators about what to do, what were there Q's and their problems?

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Decker: Primarily that the Education's Standards and Practices Board(ESPB) could possibly under the wording in our rules be issuing credentials they didn't want that.

Chairman Kelsch that is a subject that we've talked about and wanted to make sure that the ESPB did not have the credentials authority over administrators and those individuals.

Opposition- None

Close the hearing on 1079

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Minutes:

Chairman Kelsch open committee work.

Rep. Haas I was asked to do some research. Why did we not have something in here that would delineate the responsibilities between ESPB and DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.? I think I have the answer and I don't think we need to change anything in the bill.

handout: 1 sheet of paper lists everything ESPB issues. They issue licenses or endorsements.

And the license of course is the piece of paper that says you are a qualified teacher. All administrative credentials also require the license. The word credential is something that only applies to administrators and are only issued by Department of Public Instruction.

Rep. Sitte The first reading was 'may adopt' and now 'shall adopt', Why do we want to shift in the wording. The nonpublic have really been left alone on the credentials of their administrators. I just don't want to shift this from Department of Public Instruction.

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