

Amendment: 14

Representative **Hayes** proposes the following amendment:

SECTION 1 - DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

New

1.nct (SDE: Noncertified Teacher Hiring) For the 2022-23 school year, a school district may hire noncertified teachers in critical needs geographic areas and subject areas if a certified teacher is not available. All noncertified teachers must possess baccalaureate degrees or graduate degrees from a regionally accredited college or university in the subject they are hired to teach. Districts must require that all noncertified teachers must undergo a background check pursuant to Sections 59-19-117 and 59-25-115. For purposes of this proviso, 'noncertified teacher' does not include applicants who meet eligibility requirements for the Career and Technology work-based certification in the respective fields. On a form prescribed by the department, districts must provide the Department of Education with the name of the noncertified teacher, school where the teacher is employed, and subject area in which the teacher was hired to teach. A district that terminates a registered noncertified teacher from employment shall notify the department of the termination and the reason for termination within ten days after the termination.