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Senate Bill 136

An Act relating to teacher certificates and teacher preparation programs; and providing for an effective date.

- Section 1: Amends Alaska Statute 14.20.020(b), to specify an individual must receive a baccalaureate degree from an institution of higher education accredited *nationally* or by a recognized regional accrediting association.
- Section 2: Amends Alaska Statute 14.20.020(c), to ensure the regulations must allow the Board to issue a teacher's certificate to a person who has successfully completed a teacher preparation program approved under (m) of the bill which is new language.
- Section 3: Adds new language that directs the Board to establish standards for the approval of teacher preparation programs and specifies:
- The standards be comparable to teacher prep programs through national organizations recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, or an organization approved by the Commissioner; AND
 - The Board approve a teacher preparation program offered by an organization that has operated for at least five years and operates in at least five states.
- Section 4: Amends the eligibility of a subject matter expert limited teacher certificate, a person shall be currently enrolled in an approved:
- Post-baccalaureate teacher program at a *nationally* or regionally accredited institution; OR
 - A teacher preparation program approved under this legislation.
- Section 5: This act takes effect July 1, 2023.