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**ENDORSEMENT TO TEACH ESL**

**House Bill 4072**

**Sponsor: Rep. Thomas L. Hickner**

**Committee: Education**

**Complete to 3-8-91**

**A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4072 AS INTRODUCED 2-5-91**

The bill would amend the School Code, generally speaking, to require a person to have an endorsement from the state board of education in order to teach English-as-a-second-language classes. It would be the state board's responsibility to determine the requirements for such an endorsement. Under the bill, the board of a school district or an intermediate school district could not permit a teacher without an ESL endorsement to teach the subject in "a grade or department of the school." (This would be an addition to the section of the School Code that prohibits districts from allowing a teacher without a valid teaching certificate to teach. Exceptions are permitted in special circumstances.) Further, the intermediate superintendent would be required to immediately notify the state board of the names of nonendorsed teachers teaching ESL, the employing district, and the amount of time a nonendorsed teacher was employed. This notification is required now of intermediate superintendents for noncertificated teachers.

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