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DELAWARE STATE SENATE  
148th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE BILL NO. 72

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION'S QUALIFICATIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

1 Section 1. Amend § 102, Title 14 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and  
2 insertions as shown by underline as follows:

3 § 102 Secretary; Deputy, Associate and Assistant Secretaries; Acting Secretary; appointment.

4 (a) The administrator and head of the Department shall be the Secretary of Education, who shall be a graduate of  
5 an accredited college ~~and shall have not less than 5 years' experience in teaching and administration, with experience in~~  
6 ~~each such category~~ and shall have no fewer than 10 years' experience in teaching and administration, which must include  
7 no fewer than 6 years' experience in teaching and no fewer than 2 years' experience in administration. The Secretary shall  
8 be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.  
9 The Secretary shall be paid a salary as determined by the General Assembly in the annual Appropriations Act. The  
10 Secretary of Education shall become a bona fide resident of the State within 6 months after the Secretary's appointment;  
11 provided, however, that upon good cause shown, the Governor may grant an additional extension of 6 months.

12 Section 2. This amendment to the qualifications shall apply prospectively and shall not apply to the Secretary at  
13 the time of its enactment.

SYNOPSIS

This bill increases the teaching and administrative experience qualifications for the Secretary of Education from 5 years to 10 years. The Bill also clarifies that at least 6 years must be of teaching experience and at least 2 years must be of administrative experience.

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