

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 2329
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Impact:	No Impact

Research Analysis

HB2329, as introduced, allows the State Board of Education to exempt deaf teachers from taking all certification exams. In order to be granted an exemption, the teacher must:

- Have a licensed audiologist verify their severe hearing loss
- Demonstrate fluency in American Sign Language
- Demonstrate competency in the subject area of specialization as approved by the Board
- Be mentored by a certified deaf education teacher

Applicable teaching environments for such teachers include American Sign Language immersion programs, the Oklahoma School for the Deaf and other classroom settings where American Sign Language is the language of instruction.

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Fiscal Analysis

As written, the measure is not anticipated to result in a negative fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.