

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 60<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>SB 553</b>
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<b>Request Number:</b>	
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Rep. Sterling</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>No Impact</b>

**Research Analysis**

SB 553 prohibits the State Department of Education from issuing a teaching license to anyone who has been convicted of failing to report suspected child abuse or neglect. Any certified teacher convicted of the crime will have their teaching license revoked.

Any time a teacher or substitute teacher leaves a school district and seeks a position at another district, the measure requires the original district to state in a letter whether the teacher was the subject of any allegation of inappropriate behavior with a student.

Lastly, the measure requires every school employee to annually sign an attestation acknowledging their responsibility to report suspected child abuse or neglect.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

The engrossed version of 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.