

House Bill No. 1261

House Education Committee Hearing

1/21/2025

2:30PM

Chairman: Representative Pat Heinert

Bill Introduction: Cynthia Schreiber-Beck, District 25 Representative

Purpose of the bill: Repeal 15.1-18-05 and 15.1-18.06 because the Education Standards and Practices Board has the authority to issue a special education strategist endorsement making these sections of code unnecessary. Mary McCarvel-O'Connor, DPI Director of Specially Designed Services, will respond to questions you may have regarding this bill.

Thank you for your consideration HB 1261.

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**15.1-18-05. Special education strategist credential.** In addition to any other credential, the superintendent of public instruction shall implement a special education strategist credential, effective August 1, 2001. Any individual who obtains a special education strategist credential and meets all other teacher licensure requirements imposed by statute may provide special education services in the areas of intellectual disabilities, emotional disturbance, and specific learning disabilities.

**15.1-18-06.** Provisional special education strategist credential. Beginning August 1, 2001, upon application the superintendent of public instruction shall issue a provisional special education strategist credential to any individual who is licensed to teach by the education standards and practices board or approved to teach by the education standards and practices board and who holds a credential applicable to the areas of intellectual disabilities, emotional disturbance, or specific learning disabilities. The provisional credential must be made available to the individual for the lesser of three years or the period of time required by the individual to complete the requirements for a special education strategist credential. 15.1-18-07. Elementary school teach