

Dear House Education Committee Members,

I am writing today in support of HB 1238. Thank you for considering this bill. As a veteran teacher with 24 years of experience, I look forward to the opportunity to have one less detail to attend to. Every new school year brings with it a large to do list, mostly due to new initiatives, new technology tools to learn, new policies to be accustomed to, and the list goes on. At my age (and the age that many teachers would reach this proposed licensure milestone), many teachers are also caring for children and even their elderly parents. There are so many details to keep track of that having one less thing to worry about would bring a measure of peace to the people entrusted to educate the next generation. Earning the opportunity to hold lifetime licensure would be a better than a "20" pin or paperweight that many in the private sector receive to commemorate twenty years of experience.

I encourage you all to vote in favor of HB 1238.

Thank you!

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