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HOUSE BILL 18-1095

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING EDUCATOR LICENSES ISSUED TO MILITARY SPOUSES.

Bill Summary

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

Under current law, the department of education may issue a professional teacher license to a teacher who holds a comparable license from another state and has 3 years of continuous teaching experience. The bill exempts military spouses, as defined in the bill, from the requirement that the teaching experience be continuous.

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Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-60.5-201, **amend**  
3 (3)(b)(I)(B); and **add** (3)(b)(III) as follows:

4 **22-60.5-201. Types of teacher licenses issued - term - definition**  
5 **- rules.** (3) (b) (I) The department of education may issue a professional  
6 teacher license to any applicant from another state if:

7 (B) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (3)(b)(III)  
8 OF THIS SECTION, the applicant has had at least three years of continuous,  
9 successful, evaluated experience as a teacher in an established elementary  
10 or secondary school and can provide documentation of such experience  
11 on forms provided by the department.

12 (III) (A) IF THE APPLICANT IS A MILITARY SPOUSE, THE TEACHING  
13 EXPERIENCE REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(b)(I)(B) OF THIS  
14 SECTION NEED NOT BE CONTINUOUS.

15 (B) AS USED IN SUBSECTION (3)(b)(III)(A) OF THIS SECTION,  
16 "MILITARY SPOUSE" MEANS A SPOUSE OF AN ACTIVE DUTY MEMBER OF THE  
17 ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES WHO HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED OR  
18 IS SCHEDULED TO BE TRANSFERRED TO COLORADO, IS DOMICILED IN  
19 COLORADO, OR HAS MOVED TO COLORADO ON A PERMANENT  
20 CHANGE-OF-STATION BASIS.

21 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
22 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
23 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
24 8, 2018, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2018); except that, if a  
25 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
26 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
27 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect

1 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
2 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
3 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.