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**HOUSE BILL 21-1104**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING EXTENDING THE RENEWAL PERIOD FOR PROFESSIONAL**  
102 **EDUCATOR LICENSES FROM FIVE TO SEVEN YEARS.**

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**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>.)*

The bill extends the renewal period for professional teacher, special services educator, principal, and administrator licenses from 5 to 7 years. The bill allows for a professional teacher, special services educator, principal, or administrator who is partially through the current 5-year licensing cycle to have that extended to 7 years for that particular cycle.

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.

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

2           **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly  
3 finds and declares that:

4           (a) Well-educated teachers, principals, and school administrators  
5 are key components in the academic success of children;

6           (b) Professional development and license renewal is crucial for all  
7 of these types of educators; and

8           (c) Every teacher, principal, and school administrator has different  
9 professional development needs and interests based on their areas of  
10 expertise as well as the demographics of the school at which they work.

11           (2) Therefore, it is the intent of the general assembly to allow  
12 teachers, principals, and school administrators more time to accrue the  
13 required professional development hours as each individual educator feels  
14 is best suited to the educator's needs. It is not the intent of the general  
15 assembly to add, through this legislation, any additional required directed  
16 professional development hours for licensure renewal.

17           **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-60.5-201, **amend**  
18 (1)(c)(III)(A) as follows:

19           **22-60.5-201. Types of teacher licenses issued - term - rules.**

20           (1) The department is designated as the sole agency authorized to issue  
21 the following teacher licenses to persons of good moral character:

22           (c) **Professional teacher license.** (III) (A) Except as otherwise  
23 provided in ~~sub-subparagraph (B) of this subparagraph (H)~~ SUBSECTION  
24 (1)(c)(III)(B) OF THIS SECTION, any professional teacher license issued  
25 pursuant to this ~~paragraph (c) shall be~~ SUBSECTION (1)(c)(III)(A) IS valid  
26 for a period of ~~five~~ SEVEN years after the date of issuance and is

1 renewable at its expiration ~~as provided in~~ PURSUANT TO section  
2 22-60.5-110. IF, AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION  
3 (1)(c)(III)(A), AS AMENDED, AN INDIVIDUAL HAS PARTIALLY COMPLETED  
4 THE INDIVIDUAL'S FIVE-YEAR PROFESSIONAL TEACHER LICENSING PERIOD,  
5 THE LICENSING PERIOD FOR THAT INDIVIDUAL IS EXTENDED TO A  
6 SEVEN-YEAR PERIOD. THE YEARS THAT THE INDIVIDUAL ALREADY  
7 COMPLETED TOWARD THE FIVE-YEAR PROFESSIONAL TEACHER LICENSING  
8 PERIOD WILL COUNT TOWARD THE INDIVIDUAL'S NEW SEVEN-YEAR  
9 PROFESSIONAL TEACHER LICENSING PERIOD.

10 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-60.5-210, **amend**  
11 (1)(b)(II)(A) as follows:

12 **22-60.5-210. Types of special services licenses issued - term.**

13 (1) The department of education is designated as the sole agency  
14 authorized to issue the following types of special services licenses to  
15 persons of good moral character:

16 (b) **Professional special services license.** (II) (A) Except as  
17 otherwise provided in ~~sub-subparagraph (B) of this subparagraph (II)~~  
18 SUBSECTION (1)(b)(II)(B) OF THIS SECTION, any professional special  
19 services license issued pursuant to this ~~paragraph (b) shall be~~ SUBSECTION  
20 (1)(b)(II)(A) IS valid for a period of ~~five~~ SEVEN years after the date of  
21 issuance and is renewable ~~as provided in~~ PURSUANT TO section  
22 22-60.5-110. IF, AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION  
23 (1)(b)(II)(A), AS AMENDED, AN INDIVIDUAL HAS PARTIALLY COMPLETED  
24 THE INDIVIDUAL'S FIVE-YEAR PROFESSIONAL SPECIAL SERVICES LICENSING  
25 PERIOD, THE LICENSING PERIOD FOR THAT INDIVIDUAL IS EXTENDED TO A  
26 SEVEN-YEAR PERIOD. THE YEARS THAT THE INDIVIDUAL ALREADY  
27 COMPLETED TOWARD THE FIVE-YEAR PROFESSIONAL SPECIAL SERVICES

1 LICENSING PERIOD WILL COUNT TOWARD THE INDIVIDUAL'S NEW  
2 SEVEN-YEAR PROFESSIONAL SPECIAL SERVICES LICENSING PERIOD.

3 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-60.5-301, **amend**  
4 (1)(b)(II)(A) as follows:

5 **22-60.5-301. Types of principal licenses issued - term.** (1) The  
6 department of education is designated as the sole agency authorized to  
7 issue the following principal licenses to persons of good moral character:

8 (b) **Professional principal license.** (II) (A) Except as otherwise  
9 provided in ~~sub-subparagraph (B) of this subparagraph (H)~~ SUBSECTION  
10 (1)(b)(II)(B) OF THIS SECTION, any professional principal license issued  
11 pursuant to this ~~paragraph (b) shall be~~ SUBSECTION (1)(b)(II)(A) IS valid  
12 for a period of ~~five~~ SEVEN years after the date of issuance and is  
13 renewable ~~as provided in~~ PURSUANT TO section 22-60.5-110. IF, AS OF THE  
14 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION (1)(b)(II)(A), AS AMENDED, AN  
15 INDIVIDUAL HAS PARTIALLY COMPLETED THE INDIVIDUAL'S FIVE-YEAR  
16 PROFESSIONAL PRINCIPAL LICENSING PERIOD, THE LICENSING PERIOD FOR  
17 THAT INDIVIDUAL IS EXTENDED TO A SEVEN-YEAR PERIOD. THE YEARS  
18 THAT THE INDIVIDUAL ALREADY COMPLETED TOWARD THE FIVE-YEAR  
19 PROFESSIONAL PRINCIPAL LICENSING PERIOD WILL COUNT TOWARD THE  
20 INDIVIDUAL'S NEW SEVEN-YEAR PROFESSIONAL PRINCIPAL LICENSING  
21 PERIOD.

22 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-60.5-306, **amend**  
23 (1)(b)(II)(A) as follows:

24 **22-60.5-306. Types of administrator licenses issued - term.**  
25 (1) The department of education is designated as the sole agency  
26 authorized to issue the following types of administrator licenses to  
27 persons of good moral character:

1           (b) **Professional administrator license.** (II) (A) Except as  
2 otherwise provided in ~~sub-subparagraph (B) of this subparagraph (H)~~  
3 SUBSECTION (1)(b)(II)(B) OF THIS SECTION, any professional administrator  
4 license issued pursuant to this ~~paragraph (b) shall be~~ SUBSECTION  
5 (1)(b)(II)(A) IS valid for a period of ~~five~~ SEVEN years after the date of  
6 issuance and is renewable ~~as provided in~~ PURSUANT TO section  
7 22-60.5-110. IF, AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION  
8 (1)(b)(II)(A), AS AMENDED, AN INDIVIDUAL HAS PARTIALLY COMPLETED  
9 THE INDIVIDUAL'S FIVE-YEAR PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATOR LICENSING  
10 PERIOD, THE LICENSING PERIOD FOR THAT INDIVIDUAL IS EXTENDED TO A  
11 SEVEN-YEAR PERIOD. THE YEARS THAT THE INDIVIDUAL ALREADY  
12 COMPLETED TOWARD THE FIVE-YEAR PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATOR  
13 LICENSING PERIOD WILL COUNT TOWARD THE INDIVIDUAL'S NEW  
14 SEVEN-YEAR PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATOR LICENSING PERIOD.

15           **SECTION 6. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
16 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
17 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
18 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
19 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
20 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
21 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
22 November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
23 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.