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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, AND, IN**
103 **CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AND REDUCING AN**
104 **APPROPRIATION.**

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

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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SENATE
2nd Reading Unamended
May 28, 2021

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HOUSE
Amended 2nd Reading
April 23, 2021

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.

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 (II)~~ **SUBSECTION**
24 (1)(c)(III)(B) OF THIS SECTION, any professional teacher license issued

1 pursuant to this ~~paragraph (c) shall be~~ SUBSECTION (1)(c)(III)(A) IS valid
2 for a period of ~~five~~ SEVEN years after the date of issuance and is
3 renewable at its expiration ~~as provided in~~ PURSUANT TO section
4 22-60.5-110. IF, AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION
5 (1)(c)(III)(A), AS AMENDED, AN INDIVIDUAL HAS PARTIALLY COMPLETED
6 THE INDIVIDUAL'S FIVE-YEAR PROFESSIONAL TEACHER LICENSING PERIOD,
7 THE LICENSING PERIOD FOR THAT INDIVIDUAL IS EXTENDED TO A
8 SEVEN-YEAR PERIOD. THE YEARS THAT THE INDIVIDUAL ALREADY
9 COMPLETED TOWARD THE FIVE-YEAR PROFESSIONAL TEACHER LICENSING
10 PERIOD WILL COUNT TOWARD THE INDIVIDUAL'S NEW SEVEN-YEAR
11 PROFESSIONAL TEACHER LICENSING PERIOD.

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

14 **22-60.5-210. Types of special services licenses issued - term.**

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

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

1 SEVEN-YEAR PERIOD. THE YEARS THAT THE INDIVIDUAL ALREADY
2 COMPLETED TOWARD THE FIVE-YEAR PROFESSIONAL SPECIAL SERVICES
3 LICENSING PERIOD WILL COUNT TOWARD THE INDIVIDUAL'S NEW
4 SEVEN-YEAR PROFESSIONAL SPECIAL SERVICES LICENSING PERIOD.

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

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

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

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

26 **22-60.5-306. Types of administrator licenses issued - term.**
27 (1) The department of education is designated as the sole agency

1 authorized to issue the following types of administrator licenses to
2 persons of good moral character:

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

17 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-60.5-112, **amend**
18 (1)(a) as follows:

19 **22-60.5-112. Fees - fund - repeal.** (1) (a) The fee for the
20 examination and review of an application for any license, endorsement,
21 or authorization, or any renewal or reinstatement, ~~thereof,~~ shall be
22 established by the state board of education and ~~shall be~~ IS nonrefundable.
23 Upon determination of eligibility, such license, endorsement, or
24 authorization ~~shall~~ MUST be issued without an additional fee. The state
25 board of education shall adjust, if necessary, all such fees annually so that
26 they generate an amount of revenue that approximates the direct and
27 indirect costs of the state board of education and of the department for the

1 administration of this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 60.5; however, the state board of
2 education shall establish and adjust such fees for licenses issued pursuant
3 to section 22-60.5-201 (1)(a) so that the fees generate an amount of
4 revenue that approximates the direct and indirect costs of the state board
5 of education and the department for the administration of sections
6 22-60.5-201 (1)(a) and 22-60.5-205. All fees collected ~~under~~ PURSUANT
7 TO this section ~~shall~~ MUST be transmitted to the state treasurer and
8 credited to the educator licensure cash fund, which fund is hereby created
9 and referred to in this subsection (1) as the "cash fund". THE GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY MAY DESIGNATE GENERAL FUND MONEY TO THE EDUCATOR
11 LICENSURE CASH FUND TO SUPPLEMENT EDUCATOR FEES. The general
12 assembly shall make annual appropriations from the GENERAL FUND OR
13 cash fund for expenditures of the state board of education and of the
14 department incurred in the administration of this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 60.5. At
15 the end of any fiscal year, all unexpended and unencumbered moneys in
16 the cash fund ~~shall remain therein and shall~~ IN THE CASH FUND AND MUST
17 not be credited or transferred to the general fund or any other fund.

18 **SECTION 7. Appropriation - adjustments to 2021 long bill.**

19 (1) To implement this act, the cash funds appropriation from the educator
20 licensure cash fund created in section 22-60.5-112 (1)(a), C.R.S., made
21 in the annual general appropriation act for the 2021-22 state fiscal year to
22 the department of education for the office of professional services is
23 decreased by \$292,532, and the related FTE is decreased by 4.0 FTE.

24 (2) For the 2021-22 state fiscal year, \$2,922,976 is appropriated
25 to the department of education. This appropriation is from the general
26 fund. To implement this act, the department may use this appropriation
27 for the office of professional services. Any money appropriated in this

1 section not expended prior to July 1, 2022, is further appropriated to the
2 department for the 2022-23 state fiscal year for the same purpose.

3 **SECTION 8. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
4 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
5 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
6 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
7 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
8 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
9 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
10 November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
11 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.