

## CHAPTER 247

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**EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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**HOUSE BILL 00-1151**

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also SENATOR Evans, Chlouber, Congrove, Tebedo, and Weddig.

**AN ACT**

CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR LICENSES TO PERSONS HOLDING EDUCATOR LICENSES ISSUED BY OTHER STATES.

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

**SECTION 1.** The introductory portion to 22-60.5-201 (1) (c) (I) and 22-60.5-201 (3), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended, and the said 22-60.5-201 (1) (c) is further amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBPARAGRAPH, to read:

**22-60.5-201. Types of teacher licenses issued - term.** (1) The department of education is designated as the sole agency authorized to issue the following teacher licenses to persons of good moral character:

(c) **Professional teacher license.** (I) Except as otherwise provided in ~~subparagraph~~ SUBPARAGRAPHS (II) AND (II.5) of this paragraph (c) and section 22-60.5-113, the department of education may, in its discretion, issue a professional teacher license to any applicant who:

(II.5) THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MAY ISSUE A PROFESSIONAL TEACHER LICENSE TO ANY APPLICANT WHO MEETS OR EXCEEDS THE REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (b) OF SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION.

(3) (a) The department of education may, at its discretion, issue a provisional teacher license provided for in paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of this section to any applicant from another state or country whose qualifications meet or exceed the standards of the state board of education for the issuance of a provisional teacher license.

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*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

(b) (I) THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MAY ISSUE A PROFESSIONAL TEACHER LICENSE TO ANY APPLICANT FROM ANOTHER STATE IF:

(A) THE APPLICANT HOLDS A LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE FROM THAT STATE THAT IS COMPARABLE TO A TEACHER LICENSE IN THIS STATE AND THE STANDARDS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE MEET OR EXCEED THE STANDARDS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A PROFESSIONAL TEACHER LICENSE; AND

(B) THE APPLICANT HAS HAD AT LEAST THREE YEARS OF CONTINUOUS, SUCCESSFUL, EVALUATED EXPERIENCE AS A TEACHER IN AN ESTABLISHED ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL AND CAN PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION OF SUCH EXPERIENCE ON FORMS PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(II) AN APPLICANT FOR A PROFESSIONAL TEACHER LICENSE PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH (b) NEED NOT HAVE:

(A) COMPLETED AN APPROVED INDUCTION PROGRAM FOR TEACHERS;

(B) HELD A PROVISIONAL TEACHER LICENSE PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (b) OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION; OR

(C) DEMONSTRATED PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES IN SUBJECT AREAS AS SPECIFIED BY RULE OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-60.5-203.

(c) ~~except that~~, In an area deemed by the state board of education to be a shortage area, the state board of education shall establish reasonable criteria, including the recognition of experience as a licensed OR CERTIFICATED teacher, for the issuance of a provisional teacher license to any applicant from another state or country.

(d) An applicant for a provisional teacher license who has three years or more of teaching experience in another state or country for which the department of education has granted reciprocity pursuant to this subsection (3) shall be licensed without having to demonstrate professional competencies pursuant to section 22-60.5-203 if such person meets all the other qualifications for a provisional teacher license or professional teacher license and if such person is qualified to teach in that state or country.

**SECTION 2.** 22-60.5-210 (3), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**22-60.5-210. Types of special services licenses issued - term.** (3) (a) The department of education may, at its discretion, issue a provisional special services license provided for in paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of this section to any applicant from another state or country whose qualifications meet or exceed the standards of the state board of education for the issuance of a provisional special services license.

(b) (I) THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MAY ISSUE A PROFESSIONAL SPECIAL SERVICES LICENSE TO ANY APPLICANT FROM ANOTHER STATE IF:

(A) THE APPLICANT HOLDS A LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE FROM THAT STATE THAT IS COMPARABLE TO A SPECIAL SERVICES LICENSE IN THIS STATE AND THE STANDARDS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE MEET OR EXCEED THE STANDARDS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A PROFESSIONAL SPECIAL SERVICES LICENSE; AND

(B) THE APPLICANT HAS HAD AT LEAST THREE YEARS OF CONTINUOUS, SUCCESSFUL, EVALUATED EXPERIENCE AS A SPECIAL SERVICES PROVIDER IN AN ESTABLISHED ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL AND CAN PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION OF SUCH EXPERIENCE ON FORMS PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(II) AN APPLICANT FOR A PROFESSIONAL SPECIAL SERVICES LICENSE PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH (b) NEED NOT HAVE:

(A) COMPLETED AN APPROVED INDUCTION PROGRAM FOR SPECIAL SERVICES PROVIDERS;

(B) HELD A PROVISIONAL SPECIAL SERVICES LICENSE PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (a) OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION; OR

(C) DEMONSTRATED PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES IN SUBJECT AREAS AS SPECIFIED BY RULE OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-60.5-212.

**SECTION 3.** 22-60.5-301 (3), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**22-60.5-301. Types of principal licenses issued - term.** (3) (a) The department of education may, at its discretion, issue a provisional principal license provided for in paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of this section to any applicant from another state or country whose qualifications meet or exceed the standards of the state board of education for the issuance of a provisional principal license.

(b) (I) THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MAY ISSUE A PROFESSIONAL PRINCIPAL LICENSE TO ANY APPLICANT FROM ANOTHER STATE IF:

(A) THE APPLICANT HOLDS A LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE FROM THAT STATE THAT IS COMPARABLE TO A PRINCIPAL LICENSE IN THIS STATE AND THE STANDARDS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE MEET OR EXCEED THE STANDARDS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A PROFESSIONAL PRINCIPAL LICENSE; AND

(B) THE APPLICANT HAS HAD AT LEAST THREE YEARS OF CONTINUOUS, SUCCESSFUL, EVALUATED EXPERIENCE AS A PRINCIPAL IN AN ESTABLISHED ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL AND CAN PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION OF SUCH EXPERIENCE ON FORMS PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(II) AN APPLICANT FOR A PROFESSIONAL PRINCIPAL LICENSE PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH (b) NEED NOT HAVE:

(A) COMPLETED AN APPROVED INDUCTION PROGRAM FOR PRINCIPALS;

(B) HELD A PROVISIONAL PRINCIPAL LICENSE PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (a) OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION; OR

(C) DEMONSTRATED PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES IN SUBJECT AREAS AS SPECIFIED BY RULE OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-60.5-303.

**SECTION 4.** 22-60.5-306 (3), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**22-60.5-306. Types of administrator licenses issued - term.** (3) (a) The department of education may, at its discretion, issue a provisional administrator license provided for in paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of this section to any applicant from another state or country whose qualifications meet or exceed the standards of the state board of education for the issuance of a provisional administrator license.

(b) (I) THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MAY ISSUE A PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATOR LICENSE TO ANY APPLICANT FROM ANOTHER STATE IF:

(A) THE APPLICANT HOLDS A LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE FROM THAT STATE THAT IS COMPARABLE TO AN ADMINISTRATOR LICENSE IN THIS STATE AND THE STANDARDS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE MEET OR EXCEED THE STANDARDS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATOR LICENSE; AND

(B) THE APPLICANT HAS HAD AT LEAST THREE YEARS OF CONTINUOUS, SUCCESSFUL, EVALUATED EXPERIENCE AS AN ADMINISTRATOR IN AN ESTABLISHED ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL AND CAN PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION OF SUCH EXPERIENCE ON FORMS PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(II) AN APPLICANT FOR A PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATOR LICENSE PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH (b) NEED NOT HAVE:

(A) COMPLETED AN APPROVED INDUCTION PROGRAM FOR ADMINISTRATORS;

(B) HELD A PROVISIONAL ADMINISTRATOR LICENSE PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (a) OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION; OR

(C) DEMONSTRATED PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES IN SUBJECT AREAS AS SPECIFIED BY RULE OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-60.5-308.

**SECTION 5. Effective date.** This act shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section 1 (3) of the state constitution; except that, if a referendum petition is filed against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part, if approved by the people, shall take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the governor.

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