



Fiscal Note

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SB 26-126: LICENSURE FOR EXPERIENCED OUT-OF-STATE TEACHERS

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill requires that the state enter reciprocal agreements for teacher licensure with states participating in the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact, and to expedite license applications from teachers from compact states.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas on an ongoing basis:

- Minimal State Revenue
- Minimal State Workload

Appropriations. No appropriation is required.

**Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts**

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2026-27	Out Year FY 2027-28
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures	\$0	\$0
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) may issue a professional teacher license to an applicant from another state if he or she has had at least three years of successful, evaluated teaching experience within the previous seven years. This bill removes the requirement that the applicant's teaching experience have been within the previous seven years.

The bill requires that the State Board of Education enter into an interstate reciprocal agreement with each state participating in the "Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact". The CDE must issue an initial teacher license within 30 days of receiving a complete application from a person licensed by a compact state if certain requirements are met. The CDE must not require additional coursework, examinations, or program completions as a condition of an initial license, but may require other items as a condition of license renewal.

Each year, the CDE must publish a table showing how licenses from each state with a reciprocal agreement correspond to Colorado endorsement areas. The requirement to enter into reciprocal agreements is repealed if the interstate teacher mobility compact commission adopts rules. The repeal takes effect upon the date identified in the notice that the commission's rules take effect, or upon the date of the notice to the revisor of statutes if the notice does not specify a different date.

State Revenue and Expenditures

State revenue to the Teacher Licensing Cash Fund will increase minimally if additional compact state educators apply for a license under reciprocal agreements with Colorado. The number of additional applicants is assumed to be minimal. This fee revenue is subject to TABOR.

The bill also minimally increases workload to expedite response times to 30 days for licenses, enter the reciprocal agreement, and report these licenses. The volume of applications is expected to be minimal and not require additional appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

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The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the [General Assembly website](#).