

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

March 12, 2020

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Chair of Committee

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Date

Committee on Education.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB20-1312 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, strike everything below the enacting clause and  
2 substitute:

3           **"SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-60.5-110, **amend**  
4 (3)(b) introductory portion, (3)(b)(I), (3)(b.5), (3)(c)(X), and (3)(c)(XI);  
5 and **add** (3)(c)(XII) and (3)(f) as follows:

6           **22-60.5-110. Renewal of licenses - rules.** (3) (b) A professional  
7 licensee shall complete such ongoing professional development within the  
8 period of time for which such professional license is valid. Such  
9 professional development may include, but need not be limited to,  
10 in-service education programs, including ~~programs concerning juvenile~~  
11 ~~mental health issues and the awareness and prevention of youth suicide~~  
12 ~~and training in preventing, identifying, and responding to child sexual~~  
13 ~~abuse and assault; BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TRAINING THAT IS CULTURALLY~~  
14 ~~RESPONSIVE AND TRAUMA- AND EVIDENCE-INFORMED; INCREASING~~  
15 ~~AWARENESS OF LAWS AND PRACTICES RELATING TO THE EDUCATION OF~~  
16 ~~STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES IN THE CLASSROOM, INCLUDING BUT NOT~~  
17 ~~LIMITED TO CHILD FIND AND INCLUSIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS; college~~  
18 ~~or university credit from an accepted institution of higher education or a~~  
19 ~~community, technical, or local district college; educational travel that~~  
20 ~~meets the requirements specified in subsection (3)(d) of this section;~~  
21 ~~involvement in school reform; service as a mentor teacher for teacher~~  
22 ~~candidates participating in clinical practice, as defined in section~~  
23 ~~23-78-103; internships; and ongoing professional development training~~

1 and experiences. The state board of education, by rule, may establish  
2 minimum criteria for professional development; except that such criteria  
3 shall not:

4 (I) Specify any particular type of professional development  
5 activity as a requirement or partial requirement for license renewal,  
6 EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (3)(f) OF THIS SECTION;

7 (b.5) In adopting minimum criteria for professional development  
8 activities, the state board, by rule, may require all or a portion of the  
9 professional development activities to be related to increasing the license  
10 holder's competence in his or her existing or potential endorsement area;  
11 ~~or to~~ increasing the professional licensee's skills and competence in  
12 delivery of instruction in his or her existing or potential endorsement area;  
13 ~~or in~~ the teaching of literacy; INCREASING AWARENESS AND KNOWLEDGE  
14 OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONCERNS, RESPONSES, AND STRATEGIES; OR  
15 INCREASING AWARENESS OF LAWS AND PRACTICES RELATING TO  
16 EDUCATING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES IN THE CLASSROOM, INCLUDING  
17 BUT NOT LIMITED TO CHILD FIND AND INCLUSIVE LEARNING  
18 ENVIRONMENTS.

19 (c) In selecting professional development activities for the  
20 renewal of a professional license pursuant to this section, each licensee  
21 shall choose those activities that will aid the licensee in meeting the  
22 standards for a professional educator, including but not limited to the  
23 following goals:

24 (X) Effective organization and management of human and  
25 financial resources to create a safe and effective working and learning  
26 environment; ~~and~~

27 (XI) Awareness of warning signs of dangerous behavior in youth  
28 and situations that present a threat to the health and safety of students, ~~and~~  
29 knowledge of the community resources available to enhance the health  
30 and safety of students and the school community, YOUTH MENTAL  
31 HEALTH, SAFE DE-ESCALATION OF CRISIS SITUATIONS, RECOGNITION OF  
32 SIGNS OF POOR MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE, AND SUPPORT OF  
33 STUDENTS USING CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE AND TRAUMA- AND  
34 EVIDENCE-INFORMED PRACTICES; AND

35 (XII) AWARENESS OF LAWS AND PRACTICES RELATING TO  
36 EDUCATING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES IN THE CLASSROOM, INCLUDING  
37 BUT NOT LIMITED TO CHILD FIND AND INCLUSIVE LEARNING  
38 ENVIRONMENTS, AND RELATING TO STUDENTS WITH BEHAVIORAL  
39 CONCERNS OR BEHAVIORAL DISABILITIES.

40 (f) (I) IN SELECTING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES FOR  
41 RENEWAL OF A PROFESSIONAL TEACHER LICENSE, IN ADDITION TO THE

1 OTHER REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION, THE PROFESSIONAL  
2 TEACHER LICENSEE SHALL COMPLETE A MINIMUM OF TEN CLOCK HOURS OF  
3 THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HOURS REQUIRED DURING THE TERM OF  
4 ANY PROFESSIONAL LICENSE RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TRAINING  
5 THAT IS CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE AND TRAUMA- AND  
6 EVIDENCE-INFORMED.

7 (II) THE TEN CLOCK HOURS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION  
8 (3)(f)(I) OF THIS SECTION MAY BE OBTAINED THROUGH ANY COMBINATION  
9 OF COURSES RELATED TO SUBSECTION (3)(f)(I) OF THIS SECTION, SO LONG  
10 AS AT LEAST ONE OF THE REQUIRED CLOCK HOURS IS RELATED TO  
11 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TRAINING THAT IS CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE AND  
12 TRAUMA- AND EVIDENCE-INFORMED AND ONE OF THE REQUIRED CLOCK  
13 HOURS IS RELATED TO INCREASING AWARENESS OF LAWS AND PRACTICES  
14 RELATING TO EDUCATING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES IN THE  
15 CLASSROOM, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CHILD FIND AND INCLUSIVE  
16 LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS.

17 (III) A PROFESSIONAL TEACHER LICENSEE WHO HAS LESS THAN  
18 THREE YEARS LEFT IN THE LICENSE RENEWAL PERIOD ON JUNE 30, 2020,  
19 HAS UNTIL THE END OF THE NEXT APPLICABLE RENEWAL PERIOD TO  
20 COMPLETE THE REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED IN SUBSECTION (3)(f)(I) OF  
21 THIS SECTION AND MAY SUBMIT CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES COMPLETED  
22 WITHIN FIVE YEARS PRIOR TO JUNE 30, 2020, TO SATISFY THE  
23 REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (3)(f)(I) OF THIS SECTION.

24 (IV) NOTHING IN SUBSECTION (3)(f)(I) OF THIS SECTION PROHIBITS  
25 A PROFESSIONAL TEACHER LICENSEE FROM APPLYING A SINGLE  
26 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSE OR ACTIVITY TO ONE OR MORE  
27 CONTENT OR HOURLY REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS  
28 SECTION OR BY RULE OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

29 (V) THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TRAINING REQUIRED PURSUANT TO  
30 SUBSECTION (3)(f)(I) OF THIS SECTION MAY INCLUDE PROGRAMS SUCH AS:

31 (A) MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID SPECIFIC FOR YOUTH AND TEENS;

32 (B) STAFF DEVELOPMENT TRAINING MODULES CONCERNING HOW  
33 TO PREVENT TEEN SUICIDE;

34 (C) INTERCONNECTED SYSTEMS FRAMEWORK FOR POSITIVE  
35 BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORTS AND MENTAL HEALTH;

36 (D) TRAINING APPROVED OR PROVIDED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
37 WHERE THE TEACHER IS EMPLOYED;

38 (E) TRAINING CONCERNING STUDENTS WITH BEHAVIORAL  
39 CONCERNS OR DISABILITIES;

40 (F) TRAINING MODULES CONCERNING CHILD TRAUMATIC STRESS;

41 AND

1 (G) ANY OTHER PROGRAM OR TRAINING THAT MEETS THE  
2 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION (3)(f).

3 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-1-121, **add**  
4 (2)(d.5) as follows:

5 **23-1-121. Commission directive - approval of educator**  
6 **preparation programs - review.** (2) The commission shall adopt  
7 policies establishing the requirements for educator preparation programs  
8 offered by institutions of higher education. The department shall work in  
9 cooperation with the state board of education in developing the  
10 requirements for educator preparation programs. At a minimum, the  
11 requirements must ensure that each educator preparation program  
12 complies with section 23-1-125, is designed on a performance-based  
13 model, and includes:

14 (d.5) A REQUIREMENT THAT EACH TEACHER CANDIDATE IN AN  
15 INITIAL LICENSURE PROGRAM COMPLETE AT LEAST ONE SEMESTER OR  
16 QUARTER-LENGTH COURSE IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TRAINING USING  
17 CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE AND TRAUMA- AND EVIDENCE-INFORMED  
18 PRACTICES;

19 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
20 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
21 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety."

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