A BILL FOR AN ACT

Concerning State Board of Education Authorization for an Alternative Teacher License for a Person Who Participates in an Alternative Teacher Program Provided by a Designated Agency Working with a Nonpublic Early Child Care Facility.

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 provides that the state board of education may issue an alternative teacher license to an applicant who agrees to participate fully
in a one- or 2-year alternative teacher program provided by a designated agency, which may include working in a nonpublic child care facility or other preschool facility.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-60.5-201, amend (1)(a)(I)(D) and (2) as follows:

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

(a) Alternative teacher license. (I) The department may, at its discretion, issue an alternative teacher license to any applicant who:

(D) Agrees to participate fully in a one-year or two-year alternative teacher program provided by a designated agency, WHICH MAY INCLUDE WORKING AS AN ALTERNATIVE TEACHER IN A LICENSED NONPUBLIC CHILD CARE FACILITY OR OTHER PRESCHOOL FACILITY.

(2) The state board of education is authorized to establish by rule and regulation, such other requirements for licenses specified in subsection (1) of this section as it deems necessary to maintain and improve the quality of education instructional programs in the public schools AND LICENSED NONPUBLIC CHILD CARE FACILITIES OR OTHER PRESCHOOL FACILITIES of this state; except that the state board of education may not require any person who applies for a professional teacher license either while holding a valid initial teacher license or upon expiration of an initial teacher license to demonstrate professional competencies if said person HE OR SHE demonstrated professional competencies prior to obtaining the initial teacher license.

SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds,
determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.