

CHAPTER 30

EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HOUSE BILL 19-1059

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also SENATOR(S) Tate, Moreno, Zenzinger.

AN ACT**CONCERNING REMOVING REDUNDANT LANGUAGE IN THE EDUCATOR LICENSING STATUTE REGARDING REQUIREMENTS FOR OUT-OF-STATE APPLICANTS.**

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

SECTION 1. Legislative declaration. (1) The general assembly hereby finds and declares that the purpose of this legislation is to remove redundant and confusing references to an exception in the "continuous experience" requirement for out-of-state teacher and special services license applicants that was added during the 2018 legislative session.

(2) The general assembly further declares that removing these references does not in any way alter the scope or applicability of the statutory sections in which the references appear.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-60.5-201, **amend** (3)(b)(I)(B); and **repeal** (3)(b)(III) as follows:

22-60.5-201. Types of teacher licenses issued - term - rules. (3) (b) (I) The department of education may issue a professional teacher license to any applicant from another state if:

(B) ~~Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3)(b)(III) of this section,~~ The applicant has had at least three years of successful, evaluated experience within the previous seven years as a teacher in an established elementary or secondary school and can provide documentation of such experience on forms provided by the department.

Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.

~~(III) (A) If the applicant is a military spouse, the teaching experience required pursuant to subsection (3)(b)(I)(B) of this section need not be continuous, but must have occurred within the previous seven years.~~

~~(B) As used in subsection (3)(b)(III)(A) of this section, "military spouse" means a spouse of an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States who has been transferred or is scheduled to be transferred to Colorado, is domiciled in Colorado, or has moved to Colorado on a permanent change-of-station basis.~~

SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-60.5-210, **amend** (3)(b)(I)(B); and **repeal** (3)(b)(III) as follows:

22-60.5-210. Types of special services licenses issued - term. (3) (b) (I) The department of education may issue a professional special services license to any applicant from another state if:

(B) ~~Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3)(b)(III) of this section,~~ The applicant has had at least three years of successful, evaluated experience within the previous seven years 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.

~~(III) (A) If the applicant is a military spouse, the special services provider experience required pursuant to subsection (3)(b)(I)(B) of this section need not be continuous, but must have occurred within the previous seven years.~~

~~(B) As used in subsection (3)(b)(III)(A) of this section, "military spouse" means a spouse of an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States who has been transferred or is scheduled to be transferred to Colorado, is domiciled in Colorado, or has moved to Colorado on a permanent change-of-station basis.~~

SECTION 4. 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.

Approved: March 11, 2019