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HOUSE BILL 21-1104

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING EXTENDING THE RENEWAL PERIOD FOR PROFESSIONAL**
102 **EDUCATOR LICENSES FROM FIVE TO SEVEN YEARS.**

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 extends the renewal period for professional teacher, special services educator, principal, and administrator licenses from 5 to 7 years. The bill allows for a professional teacher, special services educator, principal, or administrator who is partially through the current 5-year licensing cycle to have that extended to 7 years for that particular cycle.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

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

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
3 finds and declares that:

4 (a) Well-educated teachers, principals, and school administrators
5 are key components in the academic success of children;

6 (b) Professional development and license renewal is crucial for all
7 of these types of educators; and

8 (c) Every teacher, principal, and school administrator has different
9 professional development needs and interests based on their areas of
10 expertise as well as the demographics of the school at which they work.

11 (2) Therefore, it is the intent of the general assembly to allow
12 teachers, principals, and school administrators more time to accrue the
13 required professional development hours as each individual educator feels
14 is best suited to the educator's needs. It is not the intent of the general
15 assembly to add, through this legislation, any additional required directed
16 professional development hours for licensure renewal.

17 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-60.5-201, **amend**
18 (1)(c)(III)(A) as follows:

19 **22-60.5-201. Types of teacher licenses issued - term - rules.**

20 (1) The department is designated as the sole agency authorized to issue
21 the following teacher licenses to persons of good moral character:

22 (c) **Professional teacher license.** (III) (A) Except as otherwise
23 provided in ~~sub-subparagraph (B) of this subparagraph (H)~~ SUBSECTION
24 (1)(c)(III)(B) OF THIS SECTION, any professional teacher license issued
25 pursuant to this ~~paragraph (c) shall be~~ SUBSECTION (1)(c)(III)(A) IS valid
26 for a period of ~~five~~ SEVEN years after the date of issuance and is

1 renewable at its expiration ~~as provided in~~ PURSUANT TO section
2 22-60.5-110. IF, AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION
3 (1)(c)(III)(A), AS AMENDED, AN INDIVIDUAL HAS PARTIALLY COMPLETED
4 THE INDIVIDUAL'S FIVE-YEAR PROFESSIONAL TEACHER LICENSING PERIOD,
5 THE LICENSING PERIOD FOR THAT INDIVIDUAL IS EXTENDED TO A
6 SEVEN-YEAR PERIOD. THE YEARS THAT THE INDIVIDUAL ALREADY
7 COMPLETED TOWARD THE FIVE-YEAR PROFESSIONAL TEACHER LICENSING
8 PERIOD WILL COUNT TOWARD THE INDIVIDUAL'S NEW SEVEN-YEAR
9 PROFESSIONAL TEACHER LICENSING PERIOD.

10 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-60.5-210, **amend**
11 (1)(b)(II)(A) as follows:

12 **22-60.5-210. Types of special services licenses issued - term.**

13 (1) The department of education is designated as the sole agency
14 authorized to issue the following types of special services licenses to
15 persons of good moral character:

16 (b) **Professional special services license.** (II) (A) Except as
17 otherwise provided in ~~sub-subparagraph (B) of this subparagraph (II)~~
18 SUBSECTION (1)(b)(II)(B) OF THIS SECTION, any professional special
19 services license issued pursuant to this ~~paragraph (b) shall be~~ SUBSECTION
20 (1)(b)(II)(A) IS valid for a period of ~~five~~ SEVEN years after the date of
21 issuance and is renewable ~~as provided in~~ PURSUANT TO section
22 22-60.5-110. IF, AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION
23 (1)(b)(II)(A), AS AMENDED, AN INDIVIDUAL HAS PARTIALLY COMPLETED
24 THE INDIVIDUAL'S FIVE-YEAR PROFESSIONAL SPECIAL SERVICES LICENSING
25 PERIOD, THE LICENSING PERIOD FOR THAT INDIVIDUAL IS EXTENDED TO A
26 SEVEN-YEAR PERIOD. THE YEARS THAT THE INDIVIDUAL ALREADY
27 COMPLETED TOWARD THE FIVE-YEAR PROFESSIONAL SPECIAL SERVICES

1 LICENSING PERIOD WILL COUNT TOWARD THE INDIVIDUAL'S NEW
2 SEVEN-YEAR PROFESSIONAL SPECIAL SERVICES LICENSING PERIOD.

3 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-60.5-301, **amend**
4 (1)(b)(II)(A) as follows:

5 **22-60.5-301. Types of principal licenses issued - term.** (1) The
6 department of education is designated as the sole agency authorized to
7 issue the following principal licenses to persons of good moral character:

8 (b) **Professional principal license.** (II) (A) Except as otherwise
9 provided in ~~sub-subparagraph (B) of this subparagraph (H)~~ SUBSECTION
10 (1)(b)(II)(B) OF THIS SECTION, any professional principal license issued
11 pursuant to this ~~paragraph (b) shall be~~ SUBSECTION (1)(b)(II)(A) IS valid
12 for a period of ~~five~~ SEVEN years after the date of issuance and is
13 renewable ~~as provided in~~ PURSUANT TO section 22-60.5-110. IF, AS OF THE
14 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION (1)(b)(II)(A), AS AMENDED, AN
15 INDIVIDUAL HAS PARTIALLY COMPLETED THE INDIVIDUAL'S FIVE-YEAR
16 PROFESSIONAL PRINCIPAL LICENSING PERIOD, THE LICENSING PERIOD FOR
17 THAT INDIVIDUAL IS EXTENDED TO A SEVEN-YEAR PERIOD. THE YEARS
18 THAT THE INDIVIDUAL ALREADY COMPLETED TOWARD THE FIVE-YEAR
19 PROFESSIONAL PRINCIPAL LICENSING PERIOD WILL COUNT TOWARD THE
20 INDIVIDUAL'S NEW SEVEN-YEAR PROFESSIONAL PRINCIPAL LICENSING
21 PERIOD.

22 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-60.5-306, **amend**
23 (1)(b)(II)(A) as follows:

24 **22-60.5-306. Types of administrator licenses issued - term.**
25 (1) The department of education is designated as the sole agency
26 authorized to issue the following types of administrator licenses to
27 persons of good moral character:

1 (b) **Professional administrator license.** (II) (A) Except as
2 otherwise provided in ~~sub-subparagraph (B) of this subparagraph (H)~~
3 SUBSECTION (1)(b)(II)(B) OF THIS SECTION, any professional administrator
4 license issued pursuant to this ~~paragraph (b) shall be~~ SUBSECTION
5 (1)(b)(II)(A) IS valid for a period of ~~five~~ SEVEN years after the date of
6 issuance and is renewable ~~as provided in~~ PURSUANT TO section
7 22-60.5-110. IF, AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION
8 (1)(b)(II)(A), AS AMENDED, AN INDIVIDUAL HAS PARTIALLY COMPLETED
9 THE INDIVIDUAL'S FIVE-YEAR PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATOR LICENSING
10 PERIOD, THE LICENSING PERIOD FOR THAT INDIVIDUAL IS EXTENDED TO A
11 SEVEN-YEAR PERIOD. THE YEARS THAT THE INDIVIDUAL ALREADY
12 COMPLETED TOWARD THE FIVE-YEAR PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATOR
13 LICENSING PERIOD WILL COUNT TOWARD THE INDIVIDUAL'S NEW
14 SEVEN-YEAR PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATOR LICENSING PERIOD.

15 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-60.5-112, **amend**
16 (1)(a) as follows:

17 **22-60.5-112. Fees - fund - repeal.** (1) (a) The fee for the
18 examination and review of an application for any license, endorsement,
19 or authorization, or any renewal or reinstatement, ~~thereof,~~ shall be
20 established by the state board of education and ~~shall be~~ IS nonrefundable.
21 Upon determination of eligibility, such license, endorsement, or
22 authorization ~~shall~~ MUST be issued without an additional fee. The state
23 board of education shall adjust, if necessary, all such fees annually so that
24 they generate an amount of revenue that approximates the direct and
25 indirect costs of the state board of education and of the department for the
26 administration of this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 60.5; however, the state board of
27 education shall establish and adjust such fees for licenses issued pursuant

1 to section 22-60.5-201 (1)(a) so that the fees generate an amount of
2 revenue that approximates the direct and indirect costs of the state board
3 of education and the department for the administration of sections
4 22-60.5-201 (1)(a) and 22-60.5-205. All fees collected ~~under~~ PURSUANT
5 TO this section ~~shall~~ MUST be transmitted to the state treasurer and
6 credited to the educator licensure cash fund, which fund is hereby created
7 and referred to in this subsection (1) as the "cash fund". THE GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY MAY DESIGNATE GENERAL FUND MONEY TO THE EDUCATOR
9 LICENSURE CASH FUND TO SUPPLEMENT EDUCATOR FEES. The general
10 assembly shall make annual appropriations from the GENERAL FUND OR
11 cash fund for expenditures of the state board of education and of the
12 department incurred in the administration of this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 60.5. At
13 the end of any fiscal year, all unexpended and unencumbered moneys in
14 the cash fund ~~shall remain therein and shall~~ IN THE CASH FUND AND MUST
15 not be credited or transferred to the general fund or any other fund.

16 **SECTION 7. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
17 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
18 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
19 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
20 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
21 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
22 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
23 November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
24 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.