

CHAPTER 228

EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HOUSE BILL 99-1308

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AN ACT

CONCERNING TEACHERS.

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

SECTION 1. 22-60.5-201 (3), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

22-60.5-201. Types of teacher licenses issued - term. (3) The department of education may, at its discretion, issue a provisional teacher license provided for in paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of this section to any applicant from another state or country whose qualifications meet or exceed the standards of the state board of education for the issuance of a provisional teacher license; except that, in an area deemed by the state board of education to be a shortage area, the state board of education shall establish reasonable criteria, including the recognition of experience as a licensed teacher, for the issuance of a provisional teacher license to any applicant from another state or country. AN APPLICANT FOR A PROVISIONAL TEACHER LICENSE WHO HAS THREE YEARS OR MORE OF TEACHING EXPERIENCE IN ANOTHER STATE OR COUNTRY FOR WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HAS GRANTED RECIPROCITY PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (3) SHALL BE LICENSED WITHOUT HAVING TO DEMONSTRATE PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-60.5-203 IF SUCH PERSON MEETS ALL THE OTHER QUALIFICATIONS FOR A PROVISIONAL TEACHER LICENSE OR PROFESSIONAL TEACHER LICENSE AND IF SUCH PERSON IS QUALIFIED TO TEACH IN THAT STATE OR COUNTRY.

SECTION 2. No appropriation. The general assembly has determined that this act can be implemented within existing appropriations, and therefore no separate appropriation of state moneys is necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

SECTION 3. 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: May 24, 1999