

CHAPTER 327

EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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also SENATOR(S) Evans.

AN ACT**CONCERNING THE PREPARATION OF TEACHERS FOR LICENSURE.**

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

SECTION 1. 22-32-110.3 (4) (b) and (6) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended, and the said 22-32-110.3 (4) is further amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH, to read:

22-32-110.3. Board of education - specific powers - teacher in residence program. (4) (b) (I) Any person employed by a school district as a resident teacher shall hold at least a baccalaureate degree. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (b), a person may be employed as a resident teacher for a total of two years.

(II) A PERSON MAY BE EMPLOYED AS A RESIDENT TEACHER FOR A TOTAL OF THREE YEARS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING A SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHING ENDORSEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-60.5-106 (2).

(f) BEGINNING WITH THE 2003-04 SCHOOL YEAR, ANY TEACHER HOLDING A TYPE III AUTHORIZATION, EMERGENCY, AND ENTERING HIS OR HER SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT YEAR OF EMPLOYMENT AS A TEACHER, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE TEACHER IS EMPLOYED WITHIN THE SAME SCHOOL DISTRICT OR A DIFFERENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, MAY CONTINUE TO TEACH ONLY IF EMPLOYED AS A RESIDENT TEACHER PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, AFTER OBTAINING A PROVISIONAL TEACHER LICENSE PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-60.5-201 (1) (b), OR AFTER RECEIVING A ONE-TIME RENEWAL VALID FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-60.5-111 (1) (c) (II) (B).

(6) (a) (I) Each teacher in residence program, AT LEAST ONCE EVERY FIVE YEARS, shall be subject to AN ON-SITE EVALUATION AND approval by the state board of

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education to ensure that it meets the requirements of this section. Any teacher in residence program that does not meet the requirements of this section shall be subject to disapproval by the state board of education.

(II) THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, WHENEVER PRACTICABLE, SHALL SCHEDULE AN ON-SITE EVALUATION OF A TEACHER IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM THAT IS OFFERED IN COLLABORATION WITH AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO COINCIDE WITH THE REVIEW OF THAT INSTITUTION'S TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM BY THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION PERFORMED PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-1-121 (4) (a) (II), C.R.S.

(III) Any teacher in residence program that is disapproved by the state board of education pursuant to SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS ~~SUBSECTION (6)~~ PARAGRAPH (a) shall be terminated by the implementing school district or board of cooperative services on completion of the academic year in which the program is disapproved; except that the school district or board of cooperative services may continue to operate the teacher in residence program if, prior to the end of said academic year, the school district or board of cooperative services redesigns the teacher in residence program to meet the requirements of this section and the redesigned program is approved by the state board of education pursuant to SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS ~~SUBSECTION (6)~~ PARAGRAPH (a).

SECTION 2. 22-32-110.3, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

(7) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SECTION TO THE CONTRARY, A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY HIRE A PERSON TO TEACH AS A RESIDENT TEACHER FOR ANY PORTION OF THE TWO-YEAR RESIDENCY PROGRAM IF THE PERSON COMPLETES ALL REMAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR AN APPROVED PROGRAM OF PREPARATION WITHIN TWO YEARS AFTER BEING HIRED AS A RESIDENT TEACHER.

SECTION 3. 22-60.5-111 (1) (c), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

22-60.5-111. Authorization - types - applicants' qualifications. (1) Pursuant to the rules of the state board of education, the department of education is authorized to issue the following authorizations to persons of good moral character meeting the qualifications prescribed by this section and by the rules of the state board of education:

(c) (I) A type III authorization, emergency, authorizes school districts to employ a person to teach or to perform services as a principal, administrator, or special services provider, at a particular grade level or in a special subject or service area when, in the judgment of the state board of education, an emergency exists due to a demonstrated shortage of licensed teachers, principals, administrators, or special services providers, whichever is appropriate, with appropriate endorsements and such action is essential to the preservation of good instructional programs in the public schools and to the educational well-being of the children enrolled therein. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (c), a type III emergency authorization shall be valid for a period of one school year and may be renewed. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this paragraph (c), a type III emergency authorization for a person to teach shall not be issued or renewed unless

the state board of education determines that the establishment of a teacher in residence program or an alternative teacher program by the board of education is not a practicable solution to such demonstrated shortage.

(II) (A) BEGINNING WITH THE 2003-04 SCHOOL YEAR, A TYPE III AUTHORIZATION, EMERGENCY, SHALL NOT BE RENEWED FOR ANY TEACHER ENTERING HIS OR HER SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT YEAR OF EMPLOYMENT AS A TEACHER, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE TEACHER IS EMPLOYED WITHIN THE SAME SCHOOL DISTRICT OR A DIFFERENT SCHOOL DISTRICT.

(B) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUB-SUBPARAGRAPH (A) OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (II), ANY TEACHER WHO HAS RECEIVED A TYPE III AUTHORIZATION, EMERGENCY, MAY RECEIVE A ONE-TIME RENEWAL VALID FOR A PERIOD OF ONE SCHOOL YEAR BECAUSE EXTREME HARDSHIP PREVENTS THE TEACHER FROM ENTERING A TEACHER IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM OR AN ALTERNATIVE TEACHER PROGRAM.

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.

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