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HOUSE BILL 19-1059

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House Committees
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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING REMOVING REDUNDANT LANGUAGE IN THE EDUCATOR**
102 **LICENSING STATUTE REGARDING REQUIREMENTS FOR**
103 **OUT-OF-STATE APPLICANTS.**

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/>.)

Statutory Revision Committee. The bill removes amendments House Bill 18-1095 made to the educator licensing statute regarding the number of years a military spouse licensed in another state must teach continuously or have continuous experience in order to apply for a professional teacher license or professional special services license in

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.

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House Bill 18-1130 amended statute to apply the same standards to all out-of-state applicants as apply to military spouses. The bill removes the redundant and possibly confusing reference to military spouses in the professional teacher license statute and the professional special services license statute.

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

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

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

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

12 **22-60.5-201. Types of teacher licenses issued - term - rules.**
13 (3) (b) (I) The department of education may issue a professional teacher
14 license to any applicant from another state if:

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

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

1 years.

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

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

9 **22-60.5-210. Types of special services licenses issued - term.**

10 (3) (b) (I) The department of education may issue a professional special
11 services license to any applicant from another state if:

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

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

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

26 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,

- 1 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
- 2 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.