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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING EDUCATOR LICENSURE.

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)*

**Sections 1-4:** Allows a person who completes a teacher in residence program to immediately qualify to receive a professional teacher license. Changes the term "resident teacher" to "teacher in residence". Clarifies that a person need not complete an induction program while working under an initial teacher license if the person completes the induction program while working under a teacher in residence authorization. Recognizes that a person who completes a teacher induction program while working under a temporary educator eligibility authorization or a teacher in residence authorization but not an

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

adjunct instructor authorization may apply completion of the induction program to the requirements for obtaining a professional teacher license. Makes conforming amendments.

**Sections 5 and 6:** Allows the department of education to extend an alternative teacher license for up to one year if the licensee provides proof that he or she is unable to complete the alternative teacher preparation program in one year for reasons other than incompetence.

**Section 7:** In specifying the type of work experience a person must demonstrate to obtain an initial principal license, allows the person to provide evidence of successful experience as a licensed or unlicensed teacher or special services provider. Deletes the requirement that a person hold a masters degree to obtain a professional principal license. Recognizes that a person who completes a principal induction program while working under an interim authorization may apply completion of the induction program to the requirements for obtaining a professional principal license.

**Section 8:** Recognizes that a person who completes an administrator induction program while working under an interim authorization may apply completion of the induction program to the requirements for obtaining a professional administrator license.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** 22-32-110.3 (4), (5), and (7), Colorado Revised  
3 Statutes, are amended to read:

4 **22-32-110.3. Board of education - specific powers - teacher in**  
5 **residence program.** (4) (a) A school district may employ a person to  
6 teach as a ~~resident teacher~~ TEACHER IN RESIDENCE even though the person  
7 is not licensed pursuant to article 60.5 of this title if the person holds a  
8 teacher in residence authorization issued pursuant to section 22-60.5-111  
9 (8). The ~~resident~~ teacher IN RESIDENCE may teach under the supervision  
10 of an administrator with an assigned, licensed teacher serving as a mentor  
11 and shall enroll in such teacher preparation courses as the school district  
12 deems necessary for the ~~resident~~ teacher IN RESIDENCE and for which the  
13 school district has contracted with an institution of higher education.  
14 Supervision for a ~~resident~~ teacher IN RESIDENCE shall include an annual

1 minimum of one hundred hours of observation and supervision in the  
2 classroom.

3 (b) (I) Any person employed by a school district as a ~~resident~~  
4 teacher IN RESIDENCE shall hold at least a baccalaureate degree from an  
5 accepted institution of higher education, as defined in section 22-60.5-102  
6 (1). Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (II) of this paragraph  
7 (b), a person may be employed as a ~~resident~~ teacher IN RESIDENCE for a  
8 total of two years. A person employed by a school district as a ~~resident~~  
9 teacher IN RESIDENCE shall meet the content-area education requirements  
10 specified by rule of the state board of education.

11 (II) A person may be employed as a ~~resident~~ teacher IN RESIDENCE  
12 for a total of three years for the purpose of receiving a special education  
13 teaching endorsement pursuant to section 22-60.5-106 (2).

14 (c) On completion of the two-year OR THREE-YEAR residency  
15 program, ~~the resident teacher shall obtain~~ WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE, THE  
16 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MAY ISSUE an initial teacher license pursuant  
17 to section 22-60.5-201 (1) (b) ~~in order~~ TO THE TEACHER IN RESIDENCE OR,  
18 IF THE TEACHER IN RESIDENCE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES AN INDUCTION  
19 PROGRAM AND COMPLETES THE REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED IN SECTION  
20 22-60.5-201 (1) (b) (II.5) FOR AN INITIAL TEACHER LICENSE DURING THE  
21 TWO-YEAR RESIDENCY PROGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MAY  
22 ISSUE A PROFESSIONAL TEACHER LICENSE TO THE TEACHER IN RESIDENCE  
23 UPON APPLICATION. UPON COMPLETION OF THE TWO-YEAR OR  
24 THREE-YEAR RESIDENCY PROGRAM, WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE, to be  
25 employed by the school district as a teacher, THE TEACHER IN RESIDENCE  
26 SHALL OBTAIN EITHER AN INITIAL TEACHER LICENSE OR A PROFESSIONAL  
27 TEACHER LICENSE.

1 (d) Any person seeking entry into a teacher in residence program  
2 shall, prior to acceptance into a teacher in residence program, pass an  
3 assessment of subject matter knowledge, appropriate to the person's  
4 teaching assignment, administered by the department of education. Any  
5 person who fails to pass the subject matter assessment shall not be  
6 eligible for enrollment in a residency program until he or she has passed  
7 the subject matter assessment.

8 (e) A ~~resident~~ teacher IN RESIDENCE shall be considered a  
9 probationary teacher for purposes of section 22-63-203; except that, for  
10 a ~~resident~~ teacher IN RESIDENCE, the three continuous years of  
11 employment necessary to become a nonprobationary teacher shall not  
12 begin until the ~~resident~~ teacher IN RESIDENCE begins his or her second  
13 year in the teacher in residence program.

14 (f) Beginning with the 2003-04 school year, any teacher holding  
15 an emergency authorization and entering his or her second or subsequent  
16 year of employment as a teacher, regardless of whether the teacher is  
17 employed within the same school district or a different school district,  
18 may continue to teach only if employed as a ~~resident~~ teacher IN  
19 RESIDENCE pursuant to this section.

20 (5) (a) Within thirty days after employment of a person as a  
21 ~~resident~~ teacher IN RESIDENCE, the school district shall notify the  
22 department of education of the ~~resident teacher's~~ name and address OF  
23 THE TEACHER IN RESIDENCE and such other information as may be  
24 necessary to assist the department of education in providing pertinent  
25 information under the requirements of paragraph (b) of this subsection  
26 (5).

27 (b) The department of education shall provide information to each

1 ~~resident~~ teacher IN RESIDENCE concerning the requirements for teacher  
2 licensure as specified in section 22-60.5-201 and by rule of the state  
3 board of education.

4 (7) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the  
5 contrary, a school district may hire a person to teach as a ~~resident~~ teacher  
6 IN RESIDENCE for any portion of the two-year residency program if the  
7 person completes all remaining requirements for an approved program of  
8 preparation within two years after being hired as a ~~resident~~ teacher IN  
9 RESIDENCE.

10 **SECTION 2.** 22-60.5-201 (1) (c) (I) (B) and (1) (c) (II.7),  
11 Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

12 **22-60.5-201. Types of teacher licenses issued - term.** (1) The  
13 department of education is designated as the sole agency authorized to  
14 issue the following teacher licenses to persons of good moral character:

15 (c) **Professional teacher license.** (I) Except as otherwise  
16 provided in subparagraphs (II), (II.5), and (II.7) of this paragraph (c), the  
17 department of education may, in its discretion, issue a professional  
18 teacher license to any applicant who:

19 (B) Has completed an approved induction program and has been  
20 recommended for licensure by the school districts that provided such  
21 induction program; except that the applicant need not complete an  
22 approved induction program as an initial teacher licensee if the applicant  
23 previously completed an induction program while teaching under ~~an~~  
24 ~~adjunct instructor authorization~~, an emergency authorization, ~~or~~ A  
25 TEMPORARY EDUCATOR ELIGIBILITY AUTHORIZATION, an interim  
26 authorization, OR A TEACHER IN RESIDENCE AUTHORIZATION or if the  
27 school district in which the applicant is employed has obtained a waiver

1 of the induction program requirement pursuant to section 22-60.5-114 (2).  
2 If the applicant is employed by a school district that has obtained a waiver  
3 of the induction program requirement, the applicant shall demonstrate  
4 completion of any requirements specified in the school district's plan for  
5 support, assistance, and training of initially licensed educators; and

6 (II.7) The department of education may issue a professional  
7 teacher license to an applicant who meets the requirements specified in  
8 SECTION 22-32-110.3 (4) (c) OR section 22-60.5-111 (4) (c) (II) or (5) (e)  
9 (II).

10 **SECTION 3.** 22-63-201 (2) (b), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
11 amended to read:

12 **22-63-201. Employment - license required - exception.**

13 (2) (b) A school district may hire a person who holds an alternative  
14 teacher license to teach as an alternative teacher pursuant to an alternative  
15 teacher contract as described in section 22-60.5-207. A school district  
16 may hire a person who holds a teacher in residence authorization to teach  
17 as a ~~resident~~ teacher IN RESIDENCE pursuant to a teacher in residence  
18 program implemented by the school district or a board of cooperative  
19 services pursuant to section 22-32-110.3.

20 **SECTION 4.** 22-63-402, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended  
21 to read:

22 **22-63-402. Services - disbursements.** No order or warrant for  
23 the disbursement of school district moneys shall be drawn in favor of any  
24 person for services as a teacher, except for services performed for a junior  
25 college district or in an adult education program, unless such person  
26 either holds a valid teacher's license or authorization from the department  
27 of education or is employed as a ~~resident~~ teacher IN RESIDENCE pursuant

1 to section 22-32-110.3. Such license, authorization, or residency shall be  
2 duly registered in the administrative office of the school district wherein  
3 the services are to be rendered. A teacher shall either hold a valid license  
4 or authorization or be employed as a ~~resident~~ teacher IN RESIDENCE during  
5 all periods of employment by a school district. Any person who performs  
6 services as a teacher without either possessing a valid teacher's license or  
7 authorization or being employed as a ~~resident~~ teacher IN RESIDENCE shall  
8 forfeit all claim to compensation out of school district moneys for the  
9 time during which services are performed without such license,  
10 authorization, or residency.

11 **SECTION 5.** 22-60.5-201 (1) (a) (IV), Colorado Revised  
12 Statutes, is amended to read:

13 **22-60.5-201. Types of teacher licenses issued - term.** (1) The  
14 department of education is designated as the sole agency authorized to  
15 issue the following teacher licenses to persons of good moral character:

16 (a) **Alternative teacher license.** (IV) An alternative teacher  
17 license shall be valid in any school district or accredited independent  
18 school ~~which~~ THAT provides an alternative teacher program and shall  
19 entitle its holder to work exclusively as an alternative teacher pursuant to  
20 the terms of an alternative teacher contract. ~~Any~~ AN alternative teacher  
21 license issued pursuant to this paragraph (a) shall be valid for a period of  
22 one year after the date of issuance; EXCEPT THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF  
23 EDUCATION MAY EXTEND THE VALIDITY OF AN ALTERNATIVE TEACHER  
24 LICENSE FOR UP TO ONE ADDITIONAL YEAR BASED UPON PROOF THAT THE  
25 ALTERNATIVE TEACHER LICENSEE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO COMPLETE THE  
26 REQUIREMENTS OF THE ALTERNATIVE TEACHER PROGRAM WITHIN ONE  
27 YEAR FOR REASONS OTHER THAN INCOMPETENCE.

1           **SECTION 6.** 22-60.5-102 (4) and (5), Colorado Revised Statutes,  
2 are amended to read:

3           **22-60.5-102. Definitions.** As used in this article, unless the  
4 context otherwise requires:

5           (4) "Alternative teacher contract" means a ~~one-year~~ contract  
6 entered into for an alternative teacher position by any holder of an  
7 alternative teacher license and any school district or accredited  
8 independent school ~~which~~ THAT has an alternative teacher program.

9           (5) "Alternative teacher program" means a ~~one-year~~ program of  
10 study and training for teacher preparation for persons of demonstrated  
11 knowledge and ability who hold an alternative teacher license pursuant  
12 to section 22-60.5-201 (1) (a) ~~which~~ THAT meets the standards of and has  
13 been approved by the state board of education and that upon completion  
14 leads to a recommendation for licensure by the school district or districts  
15 or the accredited independent school providing such program.

16           **SECTION 7.** 22-60.5-301 (1) (a) (I) (C), (1) (b) (I) (A), and (1)  
17 (b) (I) (C), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

18           **22-60.5-301. Types of principal licenses issued - term.** (1) The  
19 department of education is designated as the sole agency authorized to  
20 issue the following principal licenses to persons of good moral character:

21           (a) **Initial principal license.** (I) The department of education, in  
22 its discretion, may issue an initial principal license to any applicant who:

23           (C) ~~Has completed~~ PROVIDES DOCUMENTED EVIDENCE OF three or  
24 more years of FULL-TIME, successful experience ~~working with students as~~  
25 ~~a licensed or certificated professional~~ AS A LICENSED OR UNLICENSED  
26 TEACHER OR SPECIAL SERVICES PROVIDER in a public or nonpublic  
27 elementary or secondary school in this state or another state;



1           (b) **Professional principal license.** (I) Except as otherwise  
2 provided in subparagraph (I.5) of this paragraph (b), the department of  
3 education may, in its discretion, issue a professional principal license to  
4 any applicant who:

5           (A) ~~Holds an earned master's degree from an accepted institution~~  
6 ~~of higher education;~~

7           (C) Has completed an approved induction program for principals  
8 and has been recommended for licensure by the school districts that  
9 provided such induction program; except that the applicant need not  
10 complete an approved induction program as an initial principal licensee  
11 if the applicant previously completed an induction program while  
12 employed under an emergency authorization, AN INTERIM  
13 AUTHORIZATION, or a principal authorization or if the school district in  
14 which the applicant is employed has obtained a waiver of the induction  
15 program requirement pursuant to section 22-60.5-114 (2). If the applicant  
16 is employed by a school district that has obtained a waiver of the  
17 induction program requirement, the applicant shall demonstrate  
18 completion of any requirements specified in the school district's plan for  
19 support, assistance, and training of initially licensed educators.

20           **SECTION 8.** 22-60.5-306 (1) (b) (I) (C), Colorado Revised  
21 Statutes, is amended to read:

22           **22-60.5-306. Types of administrator licenses issued - term.**

23 (1) The department of education is designated as the sole agency  
24 authorized to issue the following types of administrator licenses to  
25 persons of good moral character:

26           (b) **Professional administrator license.** (I) Except as otherwise  
27 provided in subparagraph (I.5) of this paragraph (b), the department of

1 education may, in its discretion, issue a professional administrator license  
2 to any applicant who:

3 (C) Has completed an approved induction program for  
4 administrators and has been recommended for licensure by the school  
5 districts that provided such induction program; except that the applicant  
6 need not complete an approved induction program as an initial  
7 administrator licensee if the applicant previously completed an induction  
8 program while employed under an emergency authorization, ~~or~~ a  
9 temporary educator eligibility authorization, OR AN INTERIM  
10 AUTHORIZATION or if the school district in which the applicant is  
11 employed has obtained a waiver of the induction program requirement  
12 pursuant to section 22-60.5-114 (2). If the applicant is employed by a  
13 school district that has obtained a waiver of the induction program  
14 requirement, the applicant shall demonstrate completion of any  
15 requirements specified in the school district's plan for support, assistance,  
16 and training of initially licensed educators.

17 **SECTION 9. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
18 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
19 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.