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HOUSE BILL 06-1021

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

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SENATE SPONSORSHIP

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House Committees
Education

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHERS EMPLOYED BY SCHOOL
102 DISTRICTS.

Bill Summary

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

Prohibits a school district from employing as a physical education teacher a person who does not hold a physical education endorsement on his or her teacher license or who is not highly qualified as determined by the school district.

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

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.

1 **SECTION 1.** Part 2 of article 63 of title 22, Colorado Revised
2 Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to
3 read:

4 **22-63-201.5. Employment contracts - physical education**
5 **teachers.** (1) IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION
6 22-63-201, THE BOARD OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL NOT ENTER INTO AN
7 EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH ANY PERSON AS A PHYSICAL EDUCATION
8 TEACHER, EXCEPT IN A JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT OR IN AN ADULT
9 EDUCATION PROGRAM, UNLESS SUCH PERSON EITHER:

10 (a) HAS A LICENSE ENDORSEMENT FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION
11 ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-60.5-106; OR

12 (b) IS OTHERWISE HIGHLY QUALIFIED, AS DETERMINED BY THE
13 SCHOOL DISTRICT.

14 (2) IN ORDER TO BE HIGHLY QUALIFIED FOR PURPOSES OF
15 PARAGRAPH (b) OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, A PERSON SHALL
16 HAVE COMPLETED AT LEAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS OF PROFESSIONAL
17 DEVELOPMENT IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION OR PASSED AN ASSESSMENT
18 APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ESTABLISHING THE
19 NECESSARY COMPETENCY IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION.

20 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
21 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
22 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.