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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING EDUCATOR LICENSURE.**

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

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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.

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

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

22-32-110.3. Board of education - specific powers - teacher in residence program. (4) (a) A school district may employ a person to teach as a ~~resident teacher~~ TEACHER IN RESIDENCE even though the person is not licensed pursuant to article 60.5 of this title if the person holds a teacher in residence authorization issued pursuant to section 22-60.5-111 (8). The ~~resident~~ teacher IN RESIDENCE may teach under the supervision of an administrator with an assigned, licensed teacher serving as a mentor and shall enroll in such teacher preparation courses as the school district deems necessary for the ~~resident~~ teacher IN RESIDENCE and for which the school district has contracted with an institution of higher education. 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) (b) (I) (C), Colorado Revised
17 Statutes, ~~is~~ 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:

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

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27 (C) Has completed an approved induction program for principals

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

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

15 **22-60.5-306. Types of administrator licenses issued - term.**

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

19 (b) **Professional administrator license.** (I) Except as otherwise
20 provided in subparagraph (I.5) of this paragraph (b), the department of
21 education may, in its discretion, issue a professional administrator license
22 to any applicant who:

23 (C) Has completed an approved induction program for
24 administrators and has been recommended for licensure by the school
25 districts that provided such induction program; except that the applicant
26 need not complete an approved induction program as an initial
27 administrator licensee if the applicant previously completed an induction

1 program while employed under an emergency authorization, ~~or~~ a
2 temporary educator eligibility authorization, OR AN INTERIM
3 AUTHORIZATION or if the school district in which the applicant is
4 employed has obtained a waiver of the induction program requirement
5 pursuant to section 22-60.5-114 (2). If the applicant is employed by a
6 school district that has obtained a waiver of the induction program
7 requirement, the applicant shall demonstrate completion of any
8 requirements specified in the school district's plan for support, assistance,
9 and training of initially licensed educators.

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