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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING TEACHER LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.**

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>.)

Current law requires that:

- An applicant for a teacher license disclose all misdemeanor convictions, regardless of the date of conviction, except misdemeanor traffic offenses or traffic infractions;
- An applicant for an initial teacher license complete a program of preparation or an alternative teacher program; and
- An applicant for a professional teacher license complete an

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induction program.

The bill requires that an applicant disclose a misdemeanor conviction committed against an at-risk person or a child, regardless of the date of conviction, but does not require that an applicant disclose a misdemeanor conviction that occurred more than 7 years ago, unless it was committed against an at-risk person or a child.

The bill requires that the department of education waive the program of preparation and alternative teacher program requirements and induction program requirement for applicants with a minimum of 2 years of private school teaching experience in Colorado.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-60.5-103, **amend** (2)(a) as follows:

22-60.5-103. Applicants - licenses - authorizations - submittal of form and fingerprints - failure to comply constitutes grounds for denial - definition.

(2) (a) On a form provided by the department of education, an applicant shall certify, under penalty of perjury, either:

(I) That ~~he has never~~ THEY HAVE NOT been convicted of committing:

(A) ~~Any~~ A felony, ~~or~~ REGARDLESS OF THE DATE OF CONVICTION;

(B) A misdemeanor FOR WHICH, AS AN ELEMENT OF THE OFFENSE, THE VICTIM WAS AN AT-RISK PERSON, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 18-6.5-102, OR A CHILD, REGARDLESS OF THE DATE OF CONVICTION; OR

(C) ~~but not including~~ ANY OTHER MISDEMEANOR IN THE SEVEN YEARS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE APPLICATION, EXCLUDING any misdemeanor traffic offense or traffic infraction; or

(II) That ~~he has~~ THEY HAVE been convicted of committing ~~any~~ A felony or A misdemeanor ~~but not including~~ FOR WHICH, AS AN ELEMENT OF THE OFFENSE, THE VICTIM WAS AN AT-RISK PERSON, AS DEFINED IN

1 SECTION 18-6.5-102, OR A CHILD, REGARDLESS OF THE DATE OF
2 CONVICTION, OR ANY OTHER MISDEMEANOR IN THE SEVEN YEARS BEFORE
3 THE DATE OF THE APPLICATION, EXCLUDING any misdemeanor traffic
4 offense or traffic infraction. ~~Such certification~~ EACH CONVICTION IN
5 THESE THREE CATEGORIES MUST BE LISTED IN THE CERTIFICATION. FOR
6 EACH CONVICTION LISTED IN THE CERTIFICATION, THE APPLICANT shall
7 specify ~~such~~ THE felony or misdemeanor for which THE APPLICANT WAS
8 convicted, the date of ~~such~~ THE conviction, and the court entering the
9 judgment of conviction.

10 (III) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2), UNLESS THE CONTEXT
11 OTHERWISE REQUIRES, "CHILD" MEANS A PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS
12 OLD.

13 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-60.5-201, **add**
14 (1)(b)(II.7) and (1)(c)(II.9) as follows:

15 **22-60.5-201. Types of teacher licenses issued - term - rules.**

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

18 (b) **Initial teacher license.**

19 (II.7) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION IN THIS ARTICLE
20 60.5 TO THE CONTRARY, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL WAIVE THE
21 REQUIREMENT TO COMPLETE A PROGRAM OF PREPARATION OR AN
22 ALTERNATIVE TEACHER PROGRAM FOR AN APPLICANT WITH A MINIMUM OF
23 TWO YEARS OF FULL-TIME TEACHING EXPERIENCE, IN THE SUBJECT AND
24 LEVEL OF THE CREDENTIAL SOUGHT, IN A PRIVATE SCHOOL IN COLORADO.

25 (c) **Professional teacher license.**

26 (II.9) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION IN THIS ARTICLE
27 60.5 TO THE CONTRARY, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL WAIVE THE

1 REQUIREMENT TO COMPLETE AN INDUCTION PROGRAM FOR AN APPLICANT
2 WITH A MINIMUM OF TWO YEARS OF FULL-TIME TEACHING EXPERIENCE, IN
3 THE SUBJECT AND LEVEL OF THE CREDENTIAL SOUGHT, IN A PRIVATE
4 SCHOOL IN COLORADO.

5 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-2-119.3, **amend**
6 (2)(a); and **add** (6)(a.5) as follows:

7 **22-2-119.3. Department of education - educator preparation**
8 **program students - record check - fee - definitions.**

9 (2) (a) On a form provided by the department OF EDUCATION, the
10 student shall certify, under penalty of perjury, either:

11 (I) That ~~he or she has never~~ THEY HAVE NOT been convicted of
12 committing:

13 (A) ~~Any~~ A felony, ~~or~~ REGARDLESS OF THE DATE OF CONVICTION;

14 (B) A misdemeanor FOR WHICH, AS AN ELEMENT OF THE OFFENSE,
15 THE VICTIM WAS AN AT-RISK PERSON, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 18-6.5-102,
16 OR A CHILD, REGARDLESS OF THE DATE OF CONVICTION; OR

17 (C) ~~but not including~~ ANY OTHER MISDEMEANOR IN THE SEVEN
18 YEARS BEFORE THE APPLICATION, EXCLUDING any misdemeanor traffic
19 offense or traffic infraction; or

20 (II) That ~~he or she has~~ THEY HAVE been convicted of committing
21 ~~any~~ A felony or A misdemeanor ~~but not including~~ FOR WHICH, AS AN
22 ELEMENT OF THE OFFENSE, THE VICTIM WAS AN AT-RISK PERSON, AS
23 DEFINED IN SECTION 18-6.5-102, OR A CHILD, REGARDLESS OF THE DATE
24 OF CONVICTION, OR ANY OTHER MISDEMEANOR IN THE SEVEN YEARS
25 BEFORE THE DATE OF THE APPLICATION, EXCLUDING any misdemeanor
26 traffic offense or traffic infraction. ~~Such certification~~ EACH CONVICTION
27 IN THESE THREE CATEGORIES MUST BE LISTED IN THE CERTIFICATION. FOR

1 EACH CONVICTION LISTED IN THE CERTIFICATION, THE APPLICANT shall
2 specify ~~such~~ THE felony or misdemeanor for which THE APPLICANT WAS
3 convicted, the date of ~~such~~ THE conviction, and the court entering the
4 judgment of conviction.

5 (6) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

6 (a.5) "CHILD" MEANS A PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD.

7 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-30.5-110.7,
8 **amend** (2) and (8) as follows:

9 **22-30.5-110.7. Fingerprint-based criminal history record**
10 **checks - charter school employees - procedures - exceptions -**
11 **definitions.**

12 (2) On a form provided by the charter school, an applicant to
13 whom an offer of employment is extended shall certify, under penalty of
14 perjury, either:

15 (a) That ~~he or she has never~~ THEY HAVE NOT been convicted of
16 committing:

17 (I) ~~Any~~ A felony, ~~or~~ REGARDLESS OF THE DATE OF CONVICTION;

18 (II) A misdemeanor FOR WHICH, AS AN ELEMENT OF THE OFFENSE,
19 THE VICTIM WAS AN AT-RISK PERSON, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 18-6.5-102,
20 OR A CHILD, REGARDLESS OF THE DATE OF CONVICTION; OR

21 (III) ~~but not including~~ ANY OTHER MISDEMEANOR IN THE SEVEN
22 YEARS BEFORE THE APPLICATION, EXCLUDING any misdemeanor traffic
23 offense or traffic infraction; or

24 (b) That ~~he or she has~~ THEY HAVE been convicted of committing
25 ~~any~~ A felony or A misdemeanor ~~but not including~~ FOR WHICH, AS AN
26 ELEMENT OF THE OFFENSE, THE VICTIM WAS AN AT-RISK PERSON, AS
27 DEFINED IN SECTION 18-6.5-102, OR A CHILD, REGARDLESS OF THE DATE

1 OF CONVICTION, OR ANY OTHER MISDEMEANOR IN THE SEVEN YEARS
2 BEFORE THE DATE OF THE APPLICATION, EXCLUDING any misdemeanor
3 traffic offense or traffic infraction. ~~Such certification~~ EACH CONVICTION
4 IN THESE THREE CATEGORIES MUST BE LISTED IN THE CERTIFICATION. FOR
5 EACH CONVICTION LISTED IN THE CERTIFICATION, THE APPLICANT shall
6 specify the felony or misdemeanor for which the applicant was convicted,
7 the date of the conviction, and the court entering the judgment of
8 conviction.

9 (8) ~~For purposes of~~ AS USED IN this section, UNLESS THE CONTEXT
10 OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

11 (a) "CHILD" MEANS A PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD.

12 ~~(a)~~ (b) "Convicted" means a conviction by a jury or by a court and
13 ~~shall also include~~ INCLUDES the forfeiture of any bail, bond, or other
14 security deposited to secure appearance by a person charged with a felony
15 or misdemeanor, the payment of a fine, a plea of guilty, a plea of nolo
16 contendere, and the imposition of a deferred or suspended sentence by the
17 court.

18 ~~(b)~~ (c) "Position of employment" means any job or position in
19 which a person may be engaged in the service of a charter school for
20 salary or hourly wages, whether full time or part time and whether
21 temporary or permanent.

22 **SECTION 5. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
23 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
24 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
25 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a
26 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
27 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act

1 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
2 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
3 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
4 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.