

SENATE BILL No. 349

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-28-2-6.

Synopsis: Expedited teacher licensing for military spouses. Requires the state board of education to adopt rules, including emergency rules, that establish procedures to expedite the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of a teacher license to a military spouse whose husband or wife is assigned to a duty station in Indiana. (Current law allows, but does not require, the state board to adopt such rules.) Requires the state board of education to promote and encourage military spouses to participate in the federal Troops to Teachers program, or a similar program approved by the department of education.

Effective: July 1, 2017.

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January 9, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.



First Regular Session 120th General Assembly (2017)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2016 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning military and veterans.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 20-28-2-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.286-2013,
2 SECTION 86, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 6. (a) Subject to subsection (c) and in addition to
4 the powers and duties set forth in this article, the state board may adopt
5 rules under IC 4-22-2 to do the following:
6 (1) Set standards for teacher licensing and for the administration
7 of a professional licensing and certification process by the
8 department.
9 (2) Approve or disapprove teacher preparation programs.
10 (3) Set fees to be charged in connection with teacher licensing.
11 (4) Suspend, revoke, or reinstate teacher licenses.
12 (5) Enter into agreements with other states to acquire reciprocal
13 approval of teacher preparation programs.
14 (6) Set standards for teacher licensing concerning new subjects of
15 study.
16 (7) Evaluate work experience and military service concerning
17 postsecondary education and experience equivalency.



- 1 (8) Perform any other action that:
2 (A) relates to the improvement of instruction in the public
3 schools through teacher education and professional
4 development through continuing education; and
5 (B) attracts qualified candidates for teacher education from
6 among the high school graduates of Indiana.
- 7 (9) Set standards for endorsement of school psychologists as
8 independent practice school psychologists under IC 20-28-12.
- 9 (10) Before July 1, 2011, set standards for sign language
10 interpreters who provide services to children with disabilities in
11 an educational setting and an enforcement mechanism for the
12 interpreter standards.
- 13 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a)(1), an individual is entitled to
14 one (1) year of occupational experience for purposes of obtaining an
15 occupational specialist certificate under this article for each year the
16 individual holds a license under IC 25-8-6.
- 17 (c) The state board ~~may~~ **shall** adopt rules under IC 4-22-2, including
18 emergency rules under IC 4-22-2-37.1, to establish procedures to
19 expedite the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement under this article of a
20 license or certificate of a person whose spouse serves on active duty (as
21 defined in IC 25-1-12-2) and is assigned to a duty station in Indiana. **In**
22 **doing so, the state board shall promote and encourage military**
23 **spouses to participate in the federal Troops to Teachers program,**
24 **or a similar program approved by the department.**

