

1 AN ACT relating to teacher certification.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 161.095 is amended to read as follows:

4 **(1)** ~~[By July 1, 1997, ]~~The Education Professional Standards Board, with the advice of  
5 the Kentucky Board of Education, shall promulgate administrative regulations to  
6 establish procedures for a teacher to maintain his ***or her*** certificate by successfully  
7 completing meaningful continuing education.

8 **(2) (a)** The Education Professional Standards Board shall develop standards for  
9 continuing education related to maintaining a certificate, including:

10 **1.** University courses;~~[,]~~

11 **2.** An advanced degree;~~[,]~~ or

12 **3.** A combination of university courses, field-based experience, individual  
13 research, and approved professional development.

14 **(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, a teacher may maintain**  
15 **his or her:**

16 **1. Initial regular provisional certificate by:**

17 **a. Receiving positive performance evaluations under the**  
18 **professional growth and effectiveness system in KRS 156.557**  
19 **during the initial renewal interval period; and**

20 **b. Completing the professional development requirements under**  
21 **KRS 158.070(3) for each year during the initial renewal interval**  
22 **period; and**

23 **2. Subsequent regular provisional certificate by:**

24 **a. Completing the professional development requirements under**  
25 **KRS 158.070(3) for each year during the renewal interval**  
26 **period; and**

27 **b. Submitting evidence to the Education Professional Standards**

1 Board that he or she has continued to meet character and fitness  
 2 requirements.

3 (c) If a teacher fails to maintain his or her certificate under paragraph (b) of  
 4 this subsection, the Education Professional Standards Board shall grant a  
 5 one (1) year temporary provisional certificate to provide the teacher with an  
 6 opportunity to maintain his or her certificate by correcting any deficiency or  
 7 by any other method made available.

8 **(3)** The Education Professional Standards Board shall establish a system of quality  
 9 assurance related to continuing education activities and certification requirements.  
 10 The requirements shall become effective January 1, 1998.

11 ➔Section 2. KRS 161.123 is amended to read as follows:

12 Notwithstanding any other statute to the contrary, an experienced, out-of-state teacher  
 13 shall qualify for a regular provisional certificate if the applicant submits an application  
 14 and:

15 (1) ~~{Completes the application process;~~

16 ~~(2) —~~ Holds a valid teaching certificate issued by ~~a~~~~{the}~~ state that grants reciprocal  
 17 privileges to holders of a Kentucky teaching certificate~~{where the applicant most~~  
 18 ~~recently taught}; or~~{and}~~~~

19 ~~(2)~~~~{(3)}~~ Holds a valid certificate issued by the National Board of Professional  
 20 Teaching Standards.