

ASSEMBLY MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 480

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 22, 2022

The Assembly Military and Veterans Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 480.

Current law provides a process whereby an individual who is licensed to teach in another state and is married to an active duty member of the military who has been transferred to New Jersey, may obtain a temporary instructional certificate to be employed as a teacher in New Jersey on a temporary basis while completing any additional requirements for a New Jersey instructional certificate. The temporary instructional certificate is valid for 180 days and may be extended by the State Board of Examiners for another 180 days. This bill amends current law to provide that the temporary instructional certificate will be valid for 365 days and may be extended by the State board for another 365 days.

The bill also provides that the fees charged to a nonresident military spouse for the issuance of a temporary instructional certificate cannot exceed \$100.

In addition, this bill supplements existing law to require the Department of Education to establish procedures to expedite the processing of an application submitted by a nonresident military spouse for a New Jersey instructional certificate. The bill also directs the Department of Education and the State Board of Examiners to establish a reduced fee schedule for the issuance of an instructional certificate to a nonresident military spouse.

This bill was prefiled for introduction in the 2022-2023 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.