

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 281—ASSEMBLYMEN OCEGUERA, ANDERSON, KIRKPATRICK, DONDERO LOOP, BROOKS; BENITEZ-THOMPSON, CONKLIN, FLORES, FRIERSON, HORNE, MASTROLUCA, MUNFORD, NEAL AND PIERCE

MARCH 15, 2011

JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR MANENDO

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Requires the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to establish an expedited procedure for the licensure of certain teachers. (BDR 34-967)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets **[omitted material]** is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to educational personnel; requiring the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to adopt regulations which establish an expedited procedure for the licensure of certain teachers; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law requires the Commission on Professional Standards in Education
2 to adopt regulations prescribing the qualifications for licensing teachers and other
3 educational personnel in this State. (NRS 391.019) Existing law also requires the
4 Commission to adopt regulations providing for the reciprocal licensure of
5 educational personnel from other states. (NRS 391.032) **Section 1** of this bill
6 requires the Commission to adopt regulations establishing an expedited procedure
7 for the licensure of teachers who are retired from teaching in this State and are no
8 longer licensed to teach. **Section 2** of this bill requires the Commission to include
9 an expedited procedure for the reciprocal licensure of teachers who are licensed in
10 other states. Both sections require that, as a condition to the expedited licensure, the
11 applicant must serve as a teacher's aide in a school that is designated as needing
12 improvement or that serves at-risk pupils as determined by the Department of
13 Education.



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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 391 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Commission shall adopt regulations which establish an expedited procedure for the licensure of teachers who are retired from teaching in this State and are no longer licensed to teach.

2. The regulations adopted pursuant to subsection 1 must provide, as a condition for licensure pursuant to the expedited procedure, that the applicant serve as a teacher's aide in a public school which is designated as needing improvement pursuant to NRS 385.3623 or which serves at-risk pupils as determined by the Department, for a period specified by regulation.

Sec. 2. NRS 391.032 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.032 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 391.027, the Commission shall:

(a) Consider and may adopt regulations which provide for the issuance of conditional licenses to teachers and other educational personnel before completion of all courses of study or other requirements for a license in this State.

(b) Adopt regulations which provide for the reciprocal licensure of educational personnel from other states ~~and~~ *which must set forth an expedited procedure for the licensure of teachers who are licensed in another state.*

2. The regulations adopted pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 ~~may~~ :

(a) ~~May~~ provide an exemption from the examinations required for initial licensure for teachers and other educational personnel from another state if the Commission determines that the examinations required for initial licensure for teachers and other educational personnel in that state are comparable to the examinations required for initial licensure in this State.

(b) *Must provide, as a condition for reciprocal licensure pursuant to the expedited procedure, that the applicant serve as a teacher's aide in a public school which is designated as needing improvement pursuant to NRS 385.3623 or which serves at-risk pupils as determined by the Department, for a period specified by regulation.*

3. A person who is issued a conditional license must complete all courses of study and other requirements for a license in this State which is not conditional within 3 years after the date on which a conditional license is issued.



- 1 **Sec. 3.** On or before December 31, 2011, the Commission on
- 2 Professional Standards in Education shall adopt the regulations
- 3 required by section 1 of this act and required by NRS 391.032, as
- 4 amended by section 2 of this act.
- 5 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2011.

