### SENATE BILL NO. 100-COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

# (ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION)

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#### Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the licensure and employment of veterans, military personnel and their spouses in the public schools of this State. (BDR 34-388)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact. Effect on the State: Yes.

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

AN ACT relating to education; requiring an expedited processing of applications for a license to teach for spouses of certain members of the Armed Forces of the United States; requiring school districts to consider the Joint Services Transcript or a similar document of a veteran to satisfy the qualifications for certain positions of employment; permitting members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States and their spouses to obtain a license to teach through the alternative route to licensure program under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

#### **Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Existing law requires a person to apply for and receive a license from the Superintendent of Public Instruction before teaching in a public school. (NRS 391.033) Existing law further requires the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to adopt regulations regarding the qualifications and process for licensing teachers and educational personnel. (NRS 391.019) Section 3 of this bill requires the Commission to adopt regulations to expedite an application for a license to teach in this State by the spouse of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is on active duty. Section 4 of this bill requires school districts to consider the Joint Services Transcript or a similar document of a veteran as credit towards training and experience for certain skilled positions of employment in that school district.





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Existing law also provides for the issuance of provisional and reciprocal licenses, as well as licenses obtained through an alternative route to licensure program. (NRS 391.032) **Section 6** of this bill allows a member or veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States, or a spouse of such member or veteran, who obtained a license through an equivalent alternative route to licensure program in another state to obtain a license in this State as if they had completed the alternative route to licensure program in this State.

## 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 the provisions set forth as sections 2, 3 and 4 of this act.
- Sec. 2. "Veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.
- Sec. 3. The Commission shall adopt regulations which provide for the expedited processing of applications for a license to teach in this State and for employment in a school district for a spouse of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is on active duty.
- Sec. 4. If a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States submits an application for employment in a school district for a position that requires certain training, experience or licensure in a skilled trade, the school district must consider any military education, training or occupational experience listed on a Joint Services Transcript or a similar document as credit towards any such required training, experience or licensure.
  - Sec. 5. NRS 391.002 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 391.002 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 391.005, 391.008 and 391.0085 *and section 2 of this act* have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.
- **Sec. 6.** 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) Adopt regulations which provide for the issuance of provisional 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 including, without limitation, for the reciprocal licensure of persons who hold a license to teach special education. Such regulations must include, without limitation, provisions for the reciprocal licensure of persons who obtained a license pursuant to an alternative route to licensure which





the Department determines is as rigorous or more rigorous than the alternative route to licensure prescribed pursuant to subparagraph (1) of paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 391.019.

- 2. A person who is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States or the spouse of such a member or veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States and who has completed the equivalent of an alternative route to licensure program in another state may obtain a license as if such person has completed the alternative route to licensure program of this State.
- 3. A person who is issued a provisional license must complete all courses of study and other requirements for a license in this State which is not provisional within 3 years after the date on which a provisional license is issued.
- **Sec. 7.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval for purposes of adopting regulations and performing any preliminary administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act, and on July 1, 2019, for all other purposes.





