

# ACT No. 371

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 472

BY REPRESENTATIVES MINCEY, BACALA, COX, FREIBERG, GREEN, HUGHES, IVEY, JEFFERSON, MIKE JOHNSON, MARCELLE, STAGNI, AND THOMPSON AND SENATOR PEACOCK

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:7.1(G), relative to teacher certification; to provide for the certification of  
3 out-of-state applicants; to provide for certification of certain military personnel and  
4 their spouses; to provide definitions; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:7.1(G) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §7.1. Certification of teachers; certification of principals and superintendents;  
8 certification of school psychologists

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10 G.(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the State  
11 Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall grant a valid five-year standard  
12 Louisiana teaching certificate to an applicant who holds a valid out-of-state teaching  
13 certificate and who is military personnel or the spouse of military personnel serving  
14 in Louisiana, provided the applicant meets all other requirements for background  
15 checks and criminal history reviews as may be required by law and board policy.

16 (2) The board shall notify an applicant of the board's determination relative  
17 to the applicant's Louisiana certification not later than twenty days from receipt of  
18 a complete application.

19 (3) For purposes of this Subsection, "military personnel" means either of the  
20 following:

21 (a) A member of the armed forces of the United States.

22 (b) A United States Department of Defense civilian or contract employee.

1           Section 2. If the instrument that originated as Senate Bill No. 197 of the 2023  
2 Regular Session of the Legislature becomes law, the Louisiana State Law Institute is directed  
3 to redesignate the provision designated R.S. 17:7.1(G) by this Act as R.S. 17:8.1(E).

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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