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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for state entry into the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact, which provides for licensure of teachers who move between member states.

Proposed law provides for the state's entry into the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact. The purpose of the compact is to facilitate the mobility of teachers across the member states by providing a pathway to licensure for teachers who move from one state to another.

Some major elements of the compact are:

- (1) The compact provides only for initial licensure of a teacher who moves from and to a member state.
- (2) Requires the receiving state to issue an equivalent license to a teacher who has an unencumbered license from another member state. An unencumbered license is one that is not restricted, probationary, provisional, substitute, or temporary. If the teacher is an active military member or eligible military spouse, this requirement applies even if the license from the other state is encumbered.
- (3) Requires member states to provide information regarding the investigation and discipline of teachers in other member states upon request. Requires maintenance of the confidentiality of such information.
- (4) Creates the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact commission comprised of the primary administrative officer of each state's licensing authority or his designee. Authorizes the commission to adopt bylaws and administrative rules.
- (5) Provides for creation of an executive committee of the commission.
- (6) Authorizes the commission to levy an annual assessment on member states or impose fees on other parties.
- (7) Provides that the legislatures of a majority of member states may nullify a rule adopted by the commission.
- (8) Provides for effectiveness of the compact upon adoption by 10 states.

(Adds R.S. 17:581)