

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 472

2023 Regular Session

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TEACHERS: Provides for the state's entry into the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact, which provides relative to certification and qualification of teachers.

DIGEST

Present law requires the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to provide generally for teacher certification. Specifies that any teacher who holds a valid out-of-state teaching certificate and has at least three years of successful teaching experience in another state as determined by BESE is not required to take an examination or to submit any examination scores from any examination previously taken in another state as a prerequisite to the granting of certification in Louisiana and shall, upon application and verification of successful teaching experience in another state by BESE, be granted a valid standard Louisiana teaching certificate provided the teacher meets all other requirements for background checks and criminal history reviews as may be required by law and board policy.

Proposed law retains present law and requires BESE to grant a valid five-year standard Louisiana teaching certificate to an applicant who holds a valid out-of-state teaching certificate and who is military personnel or the spouse of military personnel serving in Louisiana, provided the applicant meets all other requirements for background checks and criminal history reviews as may be required by present law and board policy. Further requires BESE to notify an applicant of BESE's determination relative to the applicant's Louisiana certification not later than 20 days from receipt of a complete application.

For purposes of proposed law, "military personnel" means either of the following:

- (a) A member of the armed forces of the United States.
- (b) A United States Department of Defense civilian or contract employee.

Proposed law directs the Louisiana State Law Institute to redesignate the provisions of proposed law to conform to the provisions of Senate Bill No. 197 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Legislature if that bill becomes law.

(Adds R.S. 17:7.1(G))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill:

- 1. Add provisions relative to criminal history background checks of teachers applying under the compact to teach in La.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the reengrossed bill

- 1. Delete references to an interstate compact.

2. Require the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to grant a valid five-year Louisiana teaching certificate to any military personnel or the spouse of military serving in Louisiana who holds a valid out-of-state teaching certificate.
3. Define "military personnel".
4. Specify that the person must meet all other requirements for background checks and criminal history reviews as may be required by present law and board policy.