

1 SENATE BILL 97

2 **53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018**

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7 FOR THE MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND  
8 THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO EDUCATION; PROVIDING FOR EXPEDITED TEACHER  
12 LICENSURE FOR MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS, SPOUSES OF MILITARY  
13 SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS.

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15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

16 SECTION 1. A new section of the School Personnel Act is  
17 enacted to read:

18 "[NEW MATERIAL] EXPEDITED LICENSURE--MILITARY SERVICE  
19 MEMBERS AND SPOUSES--VETERANS.--

20 A. The department shall, as soon as practicable  
21 after a military service member, the spouse of a military  
22 service member or a veteran with a valid and current or an  
23 expired license from another jurisdiction files an application  
24 for a license:

25 (1) process the application; and

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1 (2) issue a license to a qualified applicant  
2 who submits satisfactory evidence that demonstrates the  
3 required competencies and meets other requirements and  
4 qualifications for the license for which the teacher applies,  
5 including clearance of the required background check. The  
6 local superintendent may require a mentorship period for the  
7 licensee if the local superintendent deems it necessary. A  
8 teacher who holds an out-of-state license may apply for a lower  
9 level license if the teacher does not meet the requirements for  
10 the higher level.

11 B. A license issued pursuant to this section shall  
12 not be renewed unless the license holder satisfies the  
13 requirements for the issuance and the renewal of the license  
14 for which the teacher applies. Upon the issuance of a license  
15 pursuant to this section, the department shall notify the  
16 license holder of the requirements for renewing the license in  
17 writing.

18 C. A license issued pursuant to this section to an  
19 applicant with an expired license shall not be valid for more  
20 than one year.

21 D. As used in this section:

22 (1) "military service member" means a person  
23 who is serving in the armed forces of the United States or in  
24 an active reserve component of the armed forces of the United  
25 States, including the national guard; and

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1 (2) "veteran" means a person who has received  
2 an honorable discharge or separation from military service in  
3 the armed forces of the United States or in an active reserve  
4 component of the armed forces of the United States, including  
5 the national guard."

6 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the  
7 provisions of this act is July 1, 2018.

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