

House Bill 245

By: Representatives Williams of the 168th, Smith of the 134th, Hitchens of the 161st, Hugley of the 136th, Holcomb of the 81st, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Subpart 1 of Part 6 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certificated professional personnel, so as to provide for the establishment of a process by the Professional Standards Commission by which military spouses may qualify for temporary certificates, certificates by endorsement, or expedited certificates upon moving to Georgia with their service member or transitioning service member spouse; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Subpart 1 of Part 6 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certificated professional personnel, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-200.2.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Certificate' means a credential issued by the Professional Standards Commission certifying the qualifications and classification of an individual and to authorize such individual for employment in the public schools of this state.

(2) 'Military' means the United States armed forces, including the National Guard.

(3) 'Military spouse' means a spouse of a service member or transitioning service member.

(4) 'Service member' means an active or reserve member of the armed forces, including the National Guard.

(b) No later than July 1, 2018, the Professional Standards Commission shall adopt and implement a process by which military spouses may qualify for temporary certificates, certificates by endorsement, or expedited certificates upon moving to Georgia with their service member or transitioning service member spouse."

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SECTION 2.

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All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.