

**ASSEMBLY, No. 480**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**220th LEGISLATURE**

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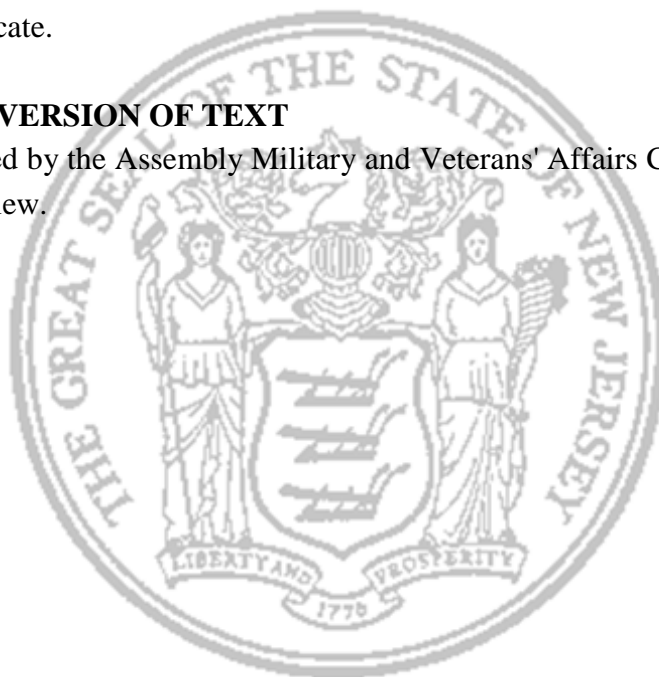
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**SYNOPSIS**

Extends validity of temporary instructional certificate issued to military spouse to one year; requires expedited processing of application by military spouse for NJ instructional certificate and reduced fees for military spouse to obtain certificate.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee with technical review.



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1 AN ACT concerning teacher certification for military spouses and  
2 amending and supplementing P.L.2013, c.68.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 1 of P.L.2013, c.68 (C.18A:26-2.14) is amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 1. a. As used in this section, "nonresident military spouse"  
10 means a person (1) whose spouse is an active duty member of the  
11 Armed Forces of the United States who is the subject of a military  
12 transfer to New Jersey, and (2) who has left employment in another  
13 state to accompany such spouse to New Jersey.

14 b. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,  
15 the State Board of Education shall establish a procedure for the  
16 issuance of a temporary instructional certificate to a nonresident  
17 military spouse that authorizes a board of education to employ the  
18 nonresident military spouse as a teacher if, at the time of  
19 application, the nonresident military spouse:

20 (1) Holds a valid and current license or certificate to teach  
21 issued by another state for which there is an equivalent and  
22 currently-issued New Jersey grade level or subject endorsement;

23 (2) Demonstrates competency in teaching in a manner  
24 determined by the State Board of Examiners, such as having taught  
25 successfully under the out-of-State license or certificate for at least  
26 three years, as documented by a letter of experience from a past  
27 supervisor or authorized district representative; having met the New  
28 Jersey grade point average requirement for an instructional  
29 certificate under State Board of Education regulations; or having  
30 completed continuing education units; and

31 (3) Pays any applicable fees required by the State Board of  
32 Examiners , which fees shall not exceed \$100.

33 c. A temporary instructional certificate issued under this  
34 section shall be valid for **[180]** 365 days and may be extended at  
35 the discretion of the State Board of Examiners for another **[180]**  
36 365 days on application of the holder of the temporary instructional  
37 certificate. The temporary instructional certificate shall authorize  
38 the nonresident military spouse to be employed as a teacher by a  
39 board of education on a temporary basis while completing any  
40 specific additional requirements for an instructional certificate in  
41 New Jersey that were not required in the other state in which the  
42 nonresident military spouse holds a license or certificate to teach.

43 d. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a  
44 nonresident military spouse from obtaining a New Jersey certificate  
45 of eligibility, certificate of eligibility with advanced standing, or

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is  
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 standard certificate under State Board of Education regulations,  
2 including the regulation for interstate reciprocity.

3 e. The State Board of Education shall promulgate regulations  
4 pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410  
5 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), necessary to effectuate the provisions of this  
6 section.

7 (cf: P.L.2013, c.68, s.1)

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9 2. (New section) The Department of Education shall establish  
10 procedures to expedite the processing of an application submitted  
11 by a nonresident military spouse, as defined in subsection a. of  
12 section 1 of P.L.2013, c.68 (C.18A:26-2.14), for a New Jersey  
13 instructional certificate. The Department of Education and the State  
14 Board of Examiners shall establish a reduced fee schedule for the  
15 issuance of an instructional certificate to a nonresident military  
16 spouse. Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize the  
17 issuance of an instructional certificate to a nonresident military  
18 spouse who has not met the applicable State requirements for the  
19 certificate.

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21 3. This act shall take effect immediately.