

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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February 15, 2024

Chair of Committee

Date

Committee on Education.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB24-1087 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, strike everything below the enacting clause and  
2 substitute:

3       **"SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-60.5-106, **amend**  
4 **(2)** as follows:

5       **22-60.5-106. Endorsement of license - effect - rules.**  
6 (2) Notwithstanding the discretionary authority granted in subsection (1)  
7 of this section, the department of education shall issue a special education  
8 teacher endorsement to an applicant who completes ~~course work~~  
9 COURSEWORK and assessments, as specified by rule of the state board of  
10 education, in a program in special education offered by an accepted  
11 institution of higher education, OR AN ALTERNATIVE TEACHER  
12 PREPARATION PROGRAM FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION OFFERED BY A  
13 DESIGNATED AGENCY, which program has been approved by the state  
14 board of education.

15       **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-60.5-205, **add**  
16 **(2)(d)(III)** as follows:

17       **22-60.5-205. One-year and two-year alternative teacher**  
18 **programs - standards and evaluation - duties of department - duties**  
19 **of the state board of education - fees - rules - legislative declaration.**  
20 (2) Designated agencies are authorized to implement one-year alternative  
21 teacher programs or two-year alternative teacher programs, which  
22 two-year programs were formerly known as teacher in residence  
23 programs, as follows:

24       (d) (III) (A) A PERSON WITH A PROFESSIONAL TEACHER LICENSE  
25 MAY CONTINUE IN THE PERSON'S CURRENT POSITION WHILE PARTICIPATING  
26 IN AN ALTERNATIVE TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE  
27 OF RECEIVING A SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHING ENDORSEMENT PURSUANT

1 TO SECTION 22-60.5-106 (2).

2 (B) THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL PROMULGATE RULES  
3 TO ESTABLISH THE AMOUNT AND TYPE OF EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH  
4 STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES A PROFESSIONAL TEACHER PARTICIPATING  
5 IN AN ALTERNATE TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM MUST COMPLETE TO  
6 RECEIVE A SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHING ENDORSEMENT PURSUANT TO  
7 SECTION 22-60.5-106 (2).

8 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,  
9 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
10 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for  
11 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state  
12 institutions.".

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