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**HOUSE BILL 17-1332** 

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT CONCERNING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AUTHORIZATION FOR AN ALTERNATIVE TEACHER LICENSE FOR A PERSON WHO PARTICIPATES IN AN ALTERNATIVE TEACHER PROGRAM PROVIDED BY A DESIGNATED AGENCY WORKING WITH A NONPUBLIC EARLY CHILD CARE FACILITY.

# **Bill Summary**

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <a href="http://leg.colorado.gov">http://leg.colorado.gov</a>.)

The bill provides that the state board of education may issue an alternative teacher license to an applicant who agrees to participate fully

in a one- or 2-year alternative teacher program provided by a designated agency, which may include working in a nonpublic child care facility or other preschool facility.

101 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:* 102 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-60.5-201, amend 103 (1)(a)(I)(D) and (2) as follows: 104 22-60.5-201. Types of teacher licenses issued - term. (1) The 105 department is designated as the sole agency authorized to issue the 106 following teacher licenses to persons of good moral character: 107 (a) Alternative teacher license. (I) The department may, at its 108 discretion, issue an alternative teacher license to any applicant who: 109 Agrees to participate fully in a one-year or two-year 110 alternative teacher program provided by a designated agency, WHICHMAY 111 INCLUDE WORKING AS AN ALTERNATIVE TEACHER IN A LICENSED 112 NONPUBLIC CHILD CARE FACILITY OR OTHER PRESCHOOL FACILITY. 113 (2) The state board of education is authorized to establish by rule 114 and regulation, such other requirements for licenses specified in 115 subsection (1) of this section as it deems necessary to maintain and 116 improve the quality of education instructional programs in the public 117 schools AND LICENSED NONPUBLIC CHILD CARE FACILITIES OR OTHER 118 PRESCHOOL FACILITIES of this state; except that the state board of 119 education may not require any person who applies for a professional 120 teacher license either while holding a valid initial teacher license or upon 121 expiration of an initial teacher license to demonstrate professional 122 competencies if said person HE OR SHE demonstrated professional 123 competencies prior to obtaining the initial teacher license.

**SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,

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- determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
- preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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