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To Members of the Fifty-Eighth Colorado General Assembly:

Submitted herewith is the final report of the Committee on Education. The committee was appointed by the Legislative Council pursuant to House Joint Resolution 1033, 1990 session.

At its meeting on October 15, the Legislative Council reviewed this report. A motion to forward four bills, with favorable recommendation, to the Fifty-Eighth General Assembly was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Representative Chris Paulson  
Chairman, Colorado Legislative Council

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# **COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

## **Committee Charge**

The Committee on Education was established by House Joint Resolution 90-1033, 1990 session. The resolution directed the committee to study education issues including, but not limited to, the following topics:

- (a) Recruiting, compensation, education, and certification of school principals including career ladders and recommendations on how to encourage the development of leadership and other skills in principals;
- (b) The rationale and policies used in the allocation of state-funded student financial assistance to state institutions and nonpublic institutions of higher education, including the allocation of merit, work study, and need-based aid, and the effect of recent allocation formula changes on state and nonpublic institutions;
- (c) Strategies to unify the state's educational system from early childhood through postsecondary education including work force training and retraining, which shall focus on means of developing cooperative education policies, opening lines of communication, and improving linkages between the various levels of education; and
- (d) Issues of teacher education and certification, testing, master teachers, and other career ladder concepts.

## **Committee Activities**

The majority of committee meetings focused on principal, administrator, and teacher licensing and certification. Testimony was presented by interested citizens, teachers, principals, superintendents, parents, the Colorado Education Association, the Colorado Association of School Executives, the Department of Education, postsecondary education financial aid officers, and the Colorado Commission on Higher Education. Major topics covered in these meetings included:

- the provision of continuing education services to students enrolled in private occupational schools which cease operation;
- the allocation of student financial aid, including work study, merit, and need-based aid;
- the distribution of National Guard Tuition Assistance funds;
- the preparation, training, and skill proficiencies necessary for success as a school principal;
- the Colorado Department of Education task force reports on teacher education and certification policies; and
- the impact of proposed Constitutional Amendment No. 1 on education in Colorado.

## **I. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

As a result of the committee's activities, the following bills are recommended for consideration in the 1991 session of the Colorado General Assembly.

### **Concerning the Tuition Assistance Program for Members of the National Guard – Bill 1**

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Bill 1 responds to the auditing problems associated with current administration of the National Guard Tuition Assistance Program. The bill has the following components:

- fiscal administration of the tuition assistance program is transferred from the CCHE to the DMA;
- the department is required to develop criteria for awarding assistance;
- individuals receiving tuition assistance are required to obtain and present certification of satisfactory academic standing to the department at the time of application;
- any person who fails to serve the required two years in the guard must repay to the DMA the tuition assistance allocated under the program; and
- the DMA is authorized to receive any repaid monies and to reallocate such monies under the tuition assistance program.

### **Concerning the Establishment of a Partnership for an Educated Colorado – Bill 2**

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The 1989 Interim Committee on Higher Education recommended a bill similar to Bill 2; but the bill failed in the House last session. In response to continued interest in creating a forum to discuss a coordinated approach to education policy, Bill 2 is recommended.

The Partnership for an Educated Colorado will recommend short- and long-term coordinated policy and legislation for the education and vocational training system of the state.

The partnership will consist of a 15-member task force to be comprised of:

- six members appointed by the Governor including one ex-officio student member, two members representative of racial or ethnic minorities and two parents of public school students;
- the Commissioner of Education, or his designee, as an ex-officio nonvoting member;
- the Executive Director of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education, or his designee, as an ex-officio nonvoting member;
- the Executive Director of the Department of Labor and Employment, or his designee, as an ex-officio nonvoting member;
- two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker and two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate (no more than two may be of the same political party); and
- the chairmen of the House and Senate Education Committees.

The members will serve without pay, but will be compensated for necessary expenses and shall meet at least nine times annually.

### **Concerning the Strengthening of Provisions for the Protection of Students Affected by Private Occupational Schools Ceasing Operation – Bill 3**

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Due to the financial instability of many private occupational schools, the Division of Private Occupational Schools, Department of Higher Education, was asked to make recommendations to the committee to establish a means of ensuring an opportunity for students enrolled in schools ceasing operation to complete their education. The division responded to that charge by developing the general concept outlined in Bill 3. Bill 3 authorizes the division to provide for the continued training of students affected by private occupational schools ceasing operation. Major provisions of the bill follow.

- Surety bonds or alternate surety methods must provide indemnification to the students and must provide for a possible “trainout” of students.
- The division is authorized to make demand on the surety to implement a “trainout” with other appropriate public or private schools.
- If practicable, the division shall seek federal designation as trustee for student loans, Pell grants, and other financial aid to assist with the cost of a trainout.
- Students may decline the opportunity for trainout and instead have returned to them their prorated prepaid unearned tuition and fees.

## Concerning the Licensure of Educators – Bill 4

Bill 4 creates a new Article 60.5 in Title 22, C.R.S., concerning the licensure of educators. Under the proposed four-tiered licensure system, the State Board of Education remains the authority with regard to educator preparation and licensure. The state board is responsible for promulgating rules and regulations in many areas, including the issuance, endorsement, renewal, and revocation of licenses, and the designation of mentors. Four separate professional standards boards are appointed by the state board to study, develop, and make recommendations to the state board regarding revocation, licensure preparation, and other areas. The following summary includes the major components of Bill 4, concerning the licensure of educators. Sections of the law that are unchanged or only slightly modified are not summarized.

### *PART 1*

Endorsement. Section 22-60.5-106 authorizes the Department of Education to develop endorsements for licenses and criteria for such endorsements.

Renewal. Renewal is allowed for an additional three years for provisional licenses (one-time only), five years for professional licenses, and seven years for those with professional licenses and master certification. Provisional license renewal requires satisfaction of any requirements established by the state board. Professional license renewal requires evidence of satisfactory completion of the applicant's professional development plan. Professional development plans must be established in accordance with guidelines established by the state board.

Authorizations. The state board is allowed to offer authorizations for adjunct teachers, interns, and emergency educators.

Waivers. Upon a two-thirds majority, the state board is authorized to waive any requirements imposed by the new article to accomplish the purpose of improving education instructional programs. However, the appropriate professional standards board must review the waiver request and issue a recommendation on such request.

Phase-in. Section 22-60.5-117 requires that all licenses issued after July 1, 1994, be issued in accordance with the provisions of the new article. Certificates issued prior to July 1, 1994, will remain valid until the date of expiration at which time the holders may apply for the appropriate professional licenses upon submitting evidence of completion of renewal credit requirements as specified in section 22-60-107, C.R.S. Although certificated persons will not be required to possess a satisfactory level of competency in regard to professional proficiencies in order to receive professional licenses, their professional development plans, which are required for renewal of subsequent licenses, must address the proficiencies established in the law and any required by rule and regulation.

## PARTS 2 THROUGH 5

### **Licensure**

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There are eight separate licenses offered in the bill excluding the alternative teacher license. There are provisional and professional licenses for administrators, principals, teachers, and special services providers. Master certification in any of the four areas is granted upon meeting criteria established in rule and regulation.

### **Provisional Licensure (valid for three years)**

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Generally, the provisional licenses are the entry point to the profession. The requirements for provisional licenses are:

- appropriate degree from an accepted institution of higher education;
- successful completion of an approved preparation program; and
- demonstration of professional competencies.

*Induction programs.* Induction programs are conducted at the school district level but must be approved by the State Board of Education. The programs must include, but are not limited to:

- supervision by a mentor;
- ongoing professional development and training, including ethics; and
- performance evaluations.

### **Professional Licensure (valid for five years)**

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A professional license is good for five years; except that if it is held in conjunction with master certification, it is good for seven years. Professional licensure requires:

- possession of the appropriate provisional license; and
- successful completion of an approved induction program.

### **Master Certification (valid for seven years)**

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Master certification is established for teacher, principal, administrator, and special services licenses. Master certification is voluntary and requires:

- possession of the appropriate professional license; and
- advanced competencies, expertise, or demonstration of outstanding achievement.

## **Professional Standards Boards**

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Four professional standards boards are established (teachers, principals, administrators, and special services providers). Each board is comprised of nine people appointed by the state board. Per diem and expenses are authorized and staff services for the professional standards boards are provided by the Department of Education. The boards have the powers and duties to study, develop, and make recommendations in the following areas:

- the issuance and renewal of licenses;
- the assessment of competencies for licensure applicants;
- criteria for approval and evaluation of preparation programs;
- criteria for approval and evaluation of induction programs;
- standards for endorsements;
- guidelines for the establishment and evaluation of professional development plans; and
- guidelines regarding mentor teachers.

In addition, the state board may appoint the appropriate professional standards board to preside at disciplinary hearings. The professional standards board may decide that the disciplinary hearing should be conducted by an Administrative Law Judge. The final decision of the professional standards board may be appealed to the State Board of Education.

## **Proficiencies**

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Bill 4 requires the state board to establish proficiencies for each professional group licensed. The listed proficiencies should not be construed as inclusive or prescriptive.

### **Teacher Proficiencies:**

- basic skills of reading, writing, and mathematics;
- subject matter to be taught;
- communications and human relations;
- assessment of student needs and progress;
- identification and fulfillment of the needs of exceptional children;
- knowledge of human growth and development; and
- classroom management and teaching strategies.

**Principal Proficiencies:**

- leadership;
- communication and human relations;
- instruction, including curriculum design and assessment;
- problem solving and decision making;
- management, including planning, organization and administration;
- personnel administration, including staff development and evaluation; and
- child growth and development.

**Administrator Proficiencies:**

- basic management;
- leadership;
- decision making and problem solving;
- communication and human relations;
- personnel administration;
- resource utilization; and
- child growth and development.

**Special Services Proficiencies:**

- areas of knowledge in each of the special services will be established.



*PART 6*

**Miscellaneous Provisions**

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*National accreditation.* To the extent possible, the state board shall coordinate the review of approved programs of preparation by the Department of Education and the review of institutions of higher education by nationally recognized accrediting agencies or organizations.

*Programs of excellence.* Between 1992 and 1997, when governing boards of state institutions of higher education are nominating programs of excellence for consideration by the Colorado Commission on Higher Education, they shall give special consideration to undergraduate and graduate programs at schools of education that have responded significantly and innovatively to the educator licensing system established in Bill 4.

*Repeal.* Article 60 of Title 22, C.R.S., concerning teacher certification is repealed, effective July 1, 1999.

## II. BACKGROUND AND MAJOR FINDINGS

This section provides an outline of the issues considered in developing legislative recommendations. It is organized into three parts which relate to the committee charge and recommendations:

*Part I – Principal and teacher education, training, and certification;*

*Part II – Student financial assistance; and*

*Part III – Unification of the State's Educational System.*

### *PART I: EDUCATOR LICENSURE – PRINCIPAL AND TEACHER EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND CERTIFICATION*

Administrative leadership in public schools has long been part of the school reform discussion. The nature and quality of school leadership has become one of the flagship issues related to education improvement. Through testimony and research presented in early meetings, the committee recognized the importance of the principal in school reform. One report published by the Education Commission of the States indicates that over 40 percent of current public school principals will leave their jobs over the next five years. A Principal Advisory Group, comprised of school leaders, was appointed by the chairman to assist the committee with its study on the principalship (see Appendix A for group membership). The committee's major findings on the principalship are discussed below.

#### **Principal Preparation Policies**

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Under current Colorado university entry and state certification requirements, becoming a principal is more a matter of tenacity than it is a rigorous search for talented and committed prospective principals. Testimony suggested that a Type D certificate can be easily obtained in Colorado as long as the applicant has a few years of teaching experience, a master's degree, completes university coursework, and passes a standardized minimum competency examination. Although current Colorado Department of Education rules and regulations reference knowledge and skill areas necessary for approval of a program of preparation, there is no assurance that graduates of the program possess the necessary skill and knowledge in these areas. The committee believes it is important to improve the quality of individuals entering the profession through higher university entrance and exit standards as well as through additional quality control in the certification process.

## **Practicum/Internship Component of Principal Preparation**

Throughout the committee's hearings and research, the importance of the school principal consistently emerged. There seemed to be agreement that strong principal leadership leads to an effective school. Yet for all the agreement on the principal's importance, little prescriptive information exists about the characteristics of a successful principal other than personal leadership and management skills. Members of the Principal Advisory Group stressed the importance of nonacademic training and "life experiences" in their success as school principals. However, program requirements at universities, and state certification standards, do not adequately emphasize success factors such as personal leadership and management skills.

The committee strongly supported the concept of a more practical focus in principal and teacher preparation programs. It was suggested that a year-long practicum be mandatory prior to certification. The committee recommendations include a variation on that idea: successful completion of an internship that would be jointly developed and monitored by school and university professionals. The internship would help to shift the focus of certification from academic success and test-taking skills to skill demonstration, knowledge, and performance.

Whatever the internship model used, most research is in agreement on the basic components of successful principal internship programs. The important components are:

- linkage between clinical research and practical application;
- a structured, supervised, practical experience with appropriate and progressive levels of responsibility;
- sufficient opportunity for professional collegiality with other interning principals;
- ongoing assessment;
- commitment and interest of internship program staff (i.e., school principal, assistant principal, and other staff); and
- significant time spent in the internship, perhaps a two-month minimum.

## **University Preparation Programs**

Other findings resulted in recommended changes to postsecondary education preparation programs:

- rigorous admission standards that include assessment of aptitude, skills, and knowledge;
- courses taught by faculty from throughout the university (not only schools of education), practicing school administrators, and business leaders;
- opportunities for individual candidates to reflect on their long-term commitment to the profession of educational leadership;
- significant opportunities for administrative candidates to participate in prolonged practical internships;
- program content reflective of the actual work of school administrators;
- an emphasis on collaboration between universities, school districts, businesses, and other agencies; and
- the entrance of underrepresented groups into the field of educational leadership.

### **Development of Licensure Bill**

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Bill 4 is the result of committee testimony, study, and discussion. Many groups presented recommendations to the committee regarding educator licensure, including the Colorado Department of Education (CDE), seven State Board of Education (SBE) task forces on teacher education and certification, the Colorado Association of School Executives, the Colorado Education Association, the Colorado Federation of Teachers, the Jefferson County Administrator's Association, superintendents, principals, and private individuals. Upon completion of committee testimony, staff summarized the recommendations and developed the chart contained in Appendix B.

The State Board of Education task force reports on teacher education and certification were well received by the committee with its recommended changes, not only to the certification of principals, but for all educators. Some committee members argued that to dramatically change the method of regulating one group of educators, but not others, was poor public policy. Also, many of the recommended changes are appropriate for all educators, not just principals.

For additional background on Bill 4, the following sources may be helpful.

- *Recommendations Concerning the Revision of Teacher Education and Certification Policies in Colorado; A Report to the State Board of Education from the Colorado Commission on Teacher Education and Certification*, September 13, 1990.
- Draft document by John Goodlad, *Advancing the Agenda for Teacher Education in a Democracy*, September 5, 1990.
- *State Policy and the School Principal: A Summary of Case Studies from Seven States*, Education Commission of the States, February 1990.
- Legislative Council Staff memoranda Nos. 4, 5, 8, 14, and 15 prepared for the committee in the 1990 interim.

## *PART II: STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE*

Discussion surrounding student financial aid uncovered two unique problems, one with the existing National Guard Tuition Assistance Program, and a second with the current provisions regarding tuition reimbursement when a proprietary school ceases operation. Bill 1 consolidates the administrative responsibility for the National Guard Tuition Assistance Program so that the Department of Military Affairs (DMA) becomes solely responsible for the program's administration and funding. Bill 3 addresses the need to change the procedure for refunding tuition or continuing training for proprietary school students.

### **Private Occupational School Students**

Private occupational schools have been regulated in Colorado since 1966. In order to provide financial and educational security to students attending these schools, current law requires the submission of a surety bond as a condition for a school to receive a "certificate of approval" to operate in Colorado. The surety bond is used to provide a pro rata refund of the unused tuition and fees paid by the students if such a school were to cease operation. Students may receive this refund as a result of a violation of a minimum standard or as a result of a holder of a "certificate of approval" ceasing operation.

The ongoing problem of loan default rates for students in private occupational schools was raised in committee discussion. A disproportionately high rate of loan defaults occurs among students who attended private occupational schools that have closed. Upon the committee's encouragement, the Division of Private Occupational Schools, Department of Higher Education, recommended that the state consider

providing a structure to ensure the continued training of occupational school students when such schools close. Completion of training could reduce loan default rates in the long term. Under Bill 3, a student attending a private occupational school that ceases operation would be eligible for a continued training program arranged by the Division of Private Occupational Schools. A pro rata refund of unused tuition and fees would continue to be an option.

### **Tuition Assistance for National Guard Members**

As a means of encouraging participation in the National Guard, Colorado law provides degree-seeking members of the Colorado National Guard with a 75 percent reduction in the cost of tuition at public postsecondary education institutions in Colorado (section 23-5-111.4, C.R.S.). In exchange, a national guard commitment of two years is required. Each program participant must obtain certification from his or her commanding officer attesting to satisfactory guard performance. Such certification must be presented at the time of enrollment for each semester or quarter for which free tuition is requested. The reduced tuition is available for 132 semester hours or 198 quarter hours. The benefit is only available while the individual remains a member of the national guard. Recipients that do not fulfill the service requirement must repay the tuition assistance.

A June 1989 performance audit by the State Auditor found that the DMA does not have a procedure to identify tuition assistance recipients who have not fulfilled the service requirement nor to collect the tuition reimbursements owed the state. The auditor recommended that the department develop a system of monitoring recipients to ensure that the service commitment is fulfilled or that the tuition is repaid. The auditor reported that between \$12,000 and \$79,000 in tuition payments is owed the state annually due to unfulfilled service in the Colorado National Guard. This money is not being collected by the DMA.

One of the problems with the tuition assistance program has been the division of responsibility for the program. While DMA administers the program (processing applications, selecting recipients, and monitoring academic progress), CCHE is the fiscal agent. The CCHE receives approximately \$400,000 annually for payments to the participating schools. CCHE does not conduct any follow-up fiscal auditing or student tracking after allocating tuition payments.

The committee recommends Bill 1 to streamline the administration of the tuition assistance program by vesting full administrative responsibility for it with the Department of Military Affairs.

## **Student Financial Aid**

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The committee also discussed state financial assistance policies. The Colorado Commission on Higher Education reported that, when Colorado financial aid programs are compared to other states, Colorado has the following national rankings.

### **Colorado Student Financial Aid Programs (Rank by Total Expenditure, 1989-90)**

<b><u>Program</u></b>	<b><u>Rank</u></b>
Need-based Grants for Undergraduates	26th
Need-based Grants for Graduate Students	7th
Merit-based Awards for Undergraduates	4th
Merit-based Aid for Graduate Students	4th
Work Study	2nd

The CCHE emphasized the need for Colorado to improve its need-based grants but stressed the value of Colorado's strength in the merit-based programs. In its view, paying for a college education is a shared responsibility between students, families, federal and state government.

### ***PART III: UNIFICATION OF THE STATE'S EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM***

Formal testimony was not taken on the topic of unification of the educational system, but many references were made to the need for coordination among the various levels of education and among the parties concerned with improvement of the educational system. For example, comments were made concerning the need for communication and coordination between higher education, K-12 education, and the various private training efforts. Bill 2 responds to these concerns.

The 1989 interim committee, in recognition of the need for a unified education and training system in Colorado, recommended a bill known as the Partnership for an Educated Colorado (Senate Bill 6, 1990). Bill 2 is a revised version of Senate Bill 6.

A number of states have addressed the need to coordinate policy and legislation affecting their education and training systems. Their actions appear to stem from two factors:

- 1) the demonstrated decline in America's education system; and
- 2) the changing demographics and needs of America's workforce.

The means of developing comprehensive plans for education and training are diverse among the states. Following are examples of state created initiatives, ongoing or planned, that focus on the coordination of education and workforce issues.

### **Michigan – Governor’s Cabinet Council on Human Investment**

**Membership:** Director, Health and Human Services;  
State Treasurer;  
Governor’s Urban Affairs Advisor;  
Director, Governor’s Office for Job Training;  
Interim Superintendent of Public Instruction;  
Director, Department of Labor;  
Chairman, Michigan Job Training Coordinating Council;  
Director, Department of Commerce;  
Director, Department of Management and Budget;  
Director, Department of Mental Health;  
Governor’s Chief of Staff; and  
Acting Director, Department of Public Health.

**Appointing Authority:** Governor

**Goals, Duties:** Develop a strategic plan “to improve the caliber of Michigan’s workforce by offering each resident the real opportunity to maintain and increase quality job skills.”

### **Mississippi – Human Capital Strategy Board (Proposed)**

**Membership:** Private sector leaders, members of the JTPA and Mississippi Employment Security Commission, education leaders, economic development leaders and representatives of other state agencies.

**Appointing Authority:** Governor

**Goals, Duties:** Set priorities, provide performance incentives, improve compatibility among service providers, and tie together disparate programs and funding streams.



## **Maine – Human Resource Development Council**

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*Membership:* Representatives from business, labor, education and government, including the commissioners of six state departments and legislative leaders from the House and Senate.

*Appointing Authority:* Governor

*Goals, Duties:* Develop recommendations that are submitted to 15 government agencies for review. The agencies develop plans addressing both the short- and long-term needs for better coordination between and among the various agencies and programs.

## **Missouri – Workplace Education and Training Panel (Proposed)**

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*Membership:* A public private partnership including chief executive officers of private companies and representatives from state agencies and the governor's office.

*Appointing Authority:* Governor

*Goals, Duties:* Implement a new path toward future economic security through the coordination of education and training systems.

## **Other States**

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Other programs and initiatives seem to focus primarily on the need to improve standards in the school system. Georgia created an "Education Partnership Act" where elementary, secondary, and adult education programs are encouraged to work together to forge partnerships with schools and school systems. Tennessee's "21st Century Challenge" outlines the initiatives that the Governor would like to pursue as the education system moves into the next century. North Dakota's "Vision 2000" examines the future of the education system in the state. "A Shift in Focus" is Utah's plan to revamp the state's schools.

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**OVERVIEW OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION  
INTERIM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

COMPONENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS		RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PRINCIPALS		COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS
	CDE	AD HOC GROUP	AD HOC GROUP	PRINCIPAL ADVISORY GROUP	
AUTHORITY	The State Board of Education (SBE) develops standards for the approval of educator preparation programs and for the issuance of Colorado licenses for educators and administrators.	Professional Standards Board has authority for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• identifying and establishing licensure requirements;</li> <li>• reviewing requirements;</li> <li>• recommending licensure.</li> </ul>	Professional Standards Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• agree with standards board concept;</li> <li>• limit board authority to recommending and monitoring the proficiencies required of principals;</li> <li>• board composition:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 or 3 principals (rec. by their colleagues);</li> <li>- 1 rep. - Assn. of Elementary School Principals;</li> <li>- 1 rep. - Assn. of Secondary School Principals;</li> <li>- 1 rep. from CDE.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• membership should change periodically.</li> </ul>	Professional Standards Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• agree with standards board concept;</li> <li>• limit board authority to recommending and monitoring the proficiencies required of principals;</li> <li>• board composition:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 or 3 principals (rec. by their colleagues);</li> <li>- 1 rep. - Assn. of Elementary School Principals;</li> <li>- 1 rep. - Assn. of Secondary School Principals;</li> <li>- 1 rep. from CDE.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• membership should change periodically.</li> </ul>	While SBE would have final authority, they would be required to take recommendations from the professional standards boards.
LICENSURE  Provisional License	A single license bearing all endorsements for which the individual is eligible.  PROVISIONAL LICENSE - issued at entry level, 3-year license, renewable two times. Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• must pass required assessments;</li> <li>• must meet preparation standards;</li> <li>• may be converted to professional license if the one-year induction program is completed satisfactorily, which includes:                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) on-going supervision by a qualified mentor;</li> <li>2) careful performance assessment; and</li> <li>3) professional growth activities.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	3 levels for principals:  INITIAL - SIMILAR STRUCTURE.	See above.	See above.	SBE recommendations were generally accepted with additions. Provisional license is renewable only once. Criteria for licensure and programs are set by SBE with recommendation from professional standards boards. Competencies established in the bill will drive rules and regulations regarding testing and other licensure requirements.

COMPONENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS		RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PRINCIPALS		COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS
	CDE	AD HOC GROUP	AD HOC GROUP	PRINCIPAL ADVISORY GROUP	
Provisional Level Induction Program	<p>Induction Program Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>state approved and district administered;</li> <li>SBE develops rules and regulations (RR) for mentor qualifications;</li> <li>SBE develops RR for approval of local district induction programs;</li> <li>the programs may be designed in collaboration with districts or BOCES and postsecondary institutions;</li> <li>may be extended to a second or third year; and</li> <li>induction program required for new endorsements.</li> </ul>	Supported practical program emphasis.	Generally supported internship concept.	SBE recommendations were accepted. Criteria for induction programs will be set by SBE with recommendations from professional standards boards. Exceptions were allowed under the waiver provision.	
Professional License	<p>PROFESSIONAL LICENSE - issued upon successful completion of induction program and other state requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>valid for three years; and</li> <li>renewable upon completion of a professional development plan and successful evaluations.</li> </ul>	PRACTITIONER - renewable every seven years.		SBE recommendations were accepted with the exception of a three-year renewal. The committee extended renewal to five years.	
MASTER CERTIFICATION	<p>SBE shall set standards for master level certification to recognize advanced competencies and achievements of experienced professionals.</p> <p>Continuation of certification would require demonstration of exemplary performance and significant professional development.</p>	MENTOR - for those with professional skill levels and competency. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>authorized to recommend ratings for other principals.</li> </ul>	See above.	SBE recommendations were accepted. SBE will set standards with recommendations from professional standards boards. Renewal every 7 years.	
PREPARATION PROGRAMS	<p>APPROVAL - SBE approves higher education programs and degrees, including out-of-state programs.</p> <p>At a minimum, preparation programs must:</p>	Preparation programs must be approved by standards board and;	Preparation programs might include the topics listed in Attachment A.	Approval of programs and criteria for programs are set by SBE with recommendations from professional standards boards.	

	RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS	RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PRINCIPALS		
COMPONENTS		AD HOC GROUP	PRINCIPAL ADVISORY GROUP	COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● be competency based - outcome</li> <li>● include rigorous admission standards.</li> <li>● be research based and designed upon a knowledge base that includes general liberal arts, academic specialty area, pedagogical content knowledge and skills;</li> <li>● include the development of knowledge and skills in cultural diversity, ethical issues, career exploration, and literacy;</li> <li>● have early and continuous field experiences, culminating in supervised student teaching, a practicum or an internship; and</li> <li>● emphasize cooperative arrangements with higher education, school districts, business and other agencies.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● include competency based curriculum;</li> <li>● allow for theory/practicum opportunities which are developed by districts, universities, and/or professional organizations;</li> <li>● practicum should be based upon assessment center practices and be criterion based; and</li> <li>● have proactive recruitment of prospective administrators with emphasis on cultural diversity.</li> </ul>	Cultural sensitivity training is recommended	
ENDORSEMENTS	<p>The SBE shall develop RR for programs leading to endorsements. Endorsement programs shall be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● broad based;</li> <li>● accommodate a system of overlapping developmental levels -- K-6, 5-9, 8-12; and</li> <li>● reviewed every five years by qualified professionals.</li> </ul>	Separate for elementary, middle, and high school.	Separate for elementary, middle, and high school.	A combination of recommendations were accepted. RR set by SBE with recommendations from professional standards boards. Endorsements are offered in grade level and area of expertise.
ASSESSMENT	<p>SBE is responsible for developing a quality assurance assessment program. Assessments shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● be required for a Provisional License;</li> <li>● use instruments and/or techniques designed to measure competency in the basic skills, general knowledge, specific academic areas and pedagogy;</li> <li>● include appraisal of classroom and instructional procedures and practices with the involvement of a mentor when used in the induction program; and</li> <li>● when used for those with Professional Licenses they must be accomplished through local district evaluations and successful completion of professional development experiences.</li> </ul>	No reference.	The standards board and CDE should determine a means of assessing the administrative potential of a candidate prior to professional licensure. Such assessment should be unbiased relative to culture, gender, and ethnicity.	A combination of SBE and advisory group recommendations. SBE develops an assessment system with recommendations of the professional standards boards.

COMPONENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS	RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PRINCIPALS		COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS
	CDE	AD HOC GROUP	PRINCIPAL ADVISORY GROUP	
<b>RENEWAL</b>  Professional Development Plan model with no state level credit hour requirement	SBE develops RR for renewal, based on a professional development plan model following the general guidelines below. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● required every three years for provisional or professional;</li> <li>● based on individual relicensure plan which must reflect state, local, and individual needs;</li> <li>● the plan shall be developed and completed at the local level;</li> <li>● evaluation of the plans must be conducted by a supervisor;</li> <li>● both employee and supervisor sign plan to ensure satisfactory completion; and</li> <li>● local appeals process implemented.</li> </ul>	Requires successful demonstration of competency and a Professional Standards Board recommendation.	Assessment of administrative skills and competencies should occur every five to six years.  "Professional Growth Plans" should be required for renewal. Plans should be driven by ongoing evaluation, formal assessment and state, district and building level goals. Plan approved by immediate supervisor. The plan might incorporate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● higher education courses;</li> <li>● special projects;</li> <li>● in-services;</li> <li>● professional conferences;</li> <li>● business programs; and</li> <li>● special training opportunities.</li> </ul>	CDE, Ad Hoc, and Advisory Group recommendations combined. Renewal requires professional development plan in professional licensure. Renewal required every three years for provisional and five years for professional.
<b>OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS</b>  Adjunct Teacher  Emergency Teacher	For teachers with special expertise; also for interns and noncertified coaches.  For full- or part-time positions when licensed teachers cannot be hired. (If holding authorization for more than one year, must demonstrate satisfactory performance and evidence toward licensure. School districts must show good cause for continuing authorization.)	No reference.	No reference	Incorporated CDE recommendations
<b>ALTERNATE ROUTES</b>	The same standards of knowledge acquisition and skill demonstration should apply. Such routes should lead to a provisional license.	No reference.	No reference.	Incorporated CDE recommendations
<b>REVOCAION</b>	SBE adopts RR for reporting, investigation and action pertaining to revocation. The rules shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● provide for mandatory local reporting of dismissal, incompetence, child abuse, habitual intemperance or excessive use of habit forming drugs, mental incompetence, unlawful sexual behavior, sale of controlled substances and felony convictions.</li> </ul>	No reference.	No reference	Incorporated CDE recommendations.

	RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS	RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PRINCIPALS		
COMPONENTS	CDE	AD HOC GROUP	PRINCIPAL ADVISORY GROUP	COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS
PROFESSIONAL GROUPS	Operates the Commission on Professional Education and Certification which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● is responsible for reviewing educator programs, standards, and policies;</li> <li>● advises the SBE concerning approval, revisions and modifications;</li> <li>● is composed of seven teachers, three administrators, three higher education representatives, one public member, and the Commissioner of Education.</li> </ul>	Professional Standards Board for Administrators.	Professional Standards Board for Administrators.	Incorporated Ad Hoc and Advisory recommendations for professional standards boards.
PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMITTEE	Professional Practices Committee under SBE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● appointed by the SBE to review and make recommendations to SBE regarding denial, annulment, suspension, and revocation of licenses; and</li> <li>● comprised of a majority of teachers and shall include other affected constituencies.</li> </ul>	See above	See above.	Professional Standards Boards are given authority to hear cases and make recommendations to SBE.
RECIPROCITY	Out-of-state applicants are eligible for provisional certificates if they: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● hold entry-level certificate from home state;</li> <li>● graduated from state approved program;</li> <li>● successfully completed induction program; and</li> <li>● correct any deficiencies in preparation.</li> </ul>	No reference.	No reference	Accepted CDE recommendation
ROLE OF CDE - CHANGE	See "Authority" on page 1.	Would be minimized	Should be expanded to become a broker of information and resources pertaining to professional development opportunities.	See page 1
PRINCIPAL'S ACADEMY	No reference.	No reference	A Principal's Academy should be established with a sufficient number of satellite branches strategically located throughout the state. The academy should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● provide educational programs for the preparation;</li> <li>● be allied with UCD and UNC; and</li> <li>● include classes taught by both professors and principals.</li> </ul>	Principal's Academies were made a condition for approval of preparation programs.



Interim Committee on Education  
Bill No. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 CONCERNING THE TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR MEMBERS OF THE  
2 NATIONAL GUARD.

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Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments which may be subsequently adopted.)

Transfers administration of the tuition assistance program for members of the Colorado national guard from the department of higher education to the department of military affairs. Requires individuals receiving such tuition assistance to obtain and present certification of satisfactory academic standing at the designated institution of higher education at the time such tuition assistance is requested. Requires any person who fails to serve the required two-year period in the Colorado national guard to repay to the department of military affairs the tuition assistance granted for each such year. Authorizes the adjutant general of the department of military affairs to promulgate rules for the administration of tuition assistance including criteria for eligibility, procedures for reporting academic standing, and a definition of satisfactory academic standing. Creates the Colorado national guard tuition fund.

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3 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

4 SECTION 1. 23-5-111.4 (2), (4), and (5), Colorado

1 Revised Statutes, 1988 Repl. Vol., are amended, and the said  
2 23-5-111.4, as amended, is further amended BY THE ADDITION OF  
3 THE FOLLOWING NEW SUBSECTIONS, to read:

4 23-5-111.4. Tuition for members of the national guard.

5 (2) Any person who is a member of the Colorado national  
6 guard, upon being accepted for enrollment at any designated  
7 institution of higher education, shall be permitted to pursue  
8 studies leading toward a bachelor's degree, a postgraduate  
9 degree, an associate degree, or a certificate of completion  
10 with seventy-five percent of the cost of tuition paid by the  
11 department of ~~higher-education~~ MILITARY AFFAIRS, subject to  
12 available appropriations, for so long as such person remains a  
13 member of the Colorado national guard, but such tuition  
14 payments shall not be made for more than one hundred  
15 thirty-two semester hours or one hundred ninety-eight quarter  
16 hours. In addition, in order to qualify for the tuition  
17 assistance authorized by this section, such member must MEET  
18 THE CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY, AS ESTABLISHED BY RULES AND  
19 REGULATIONS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (7) OF THIS SECTION, AND  
20 agree to serve two years in the Colorado national guard for  
21 each year of tuition assistance granted.

22 (4) If any member of the Colorado national guard is  
23 accepted for enrollment at any designated institution of  
24 higher education and such member has not been classified as an  
25 in-state student for tuition purposes pursuant to article 7 of  
26 this title, the amount paid by the department of higher

1 education MILITARY AFFAIRS to the designated institution of  
2 higher education pursuant to subsection (2) of this section  
3 shall be the amount of in-state tuition for that institution.

4 (5) Each individual member of the Colorado national  
5 guard receiving tuition assistance as provided in this section  
6 shall obtain certification ~~on--forms--to-be-supplied-by-the~~  
7 ~~department~~ FROM THE DESIGNATED INSTITUTION of higher education  
8 ~~from--his--commanding--officer~~ attesting to his current  
9 satisfactory ~~guard--performance~~ ACADEMIC STANDING AT SUCH  
10 DESIGNATED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AS DETERMINED BY  
11 RULES AND REGULATIONS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (7)  
12 OF THIS SECTION, and present such certificate to the  
13 ~~designated-institution-he-is-attending~~ DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY  
14 AFFAIRS at the time of enrollment for each semester or quarter  
15 for which tuition assistance is requested. No tuition  
16 assistance shall be granted without such certification.

17 (6) Any person who fails to serve the required two-year  
18 period in the Colorado national guard for each year of tuition  
19 assistance granted, in violation of such person's agreement  
20 under subsection (2) of this section, shall be required to  
21 repay to the department of military affairs the tuition  
22 assistance granted for each such year. Any such repayment of  
23 tuition assistance shall be credited to the Colorado national  
24 guard tuition fund created in subsection (9) of this section.

25 (7) The department of military affairs shall promulgate  
26 rules and regulations for the administration of tuition

1 assistance as provided in this section, including, but not  
2 limited to, the following:

3 (a) Criteria for the eligibility of a member of the  
4 national guard for such tuition assistance. In establishing  
5 this criteria, the department of military affairs shall  
6 include, but not be limited to, consideration of the  
7 following:

8 (I) The member's past service and record, if any, in the  
9 national guard;

10 (II) An evaluation of the member's commitment to future  
11 service in the national guard;

12 (III) The member's military record, if any, including  
13 the member's achievements and whether the member has been  
14 honorably discharged;

15 (IV) The benefit to the national guard by having such an  
16 individual as a member;

17 (V) Financial need, merit, or talent.

18 (b) Procedures to be followed by designated institutions  
19 of higher education in reporting the member's academic  
20 standing to the department of military affairs;

21 (c) A definition of satisfactory academic standing,  
22 including, but not limited to, consideration of the member's  
23 cumulative grade point average, credit hours completed, and  
24 progress toward a degree.

25 (8) The department of military affairs shall make an  
26 annual report to the general assembly detailing the number of

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1 applications for tuition assistance made pursuant to this  
2 section, the amount of tuition assistance granted per  
3 application, and the amount of tuition assistance owed to and  
4 collected by the department of military affairs pursuant to  
5 subsection (6) of this section.

6 (9) (a) There is hereby created in the state treasury  
7 the Colorado national guard tuition fund, which shall be  
8 administered by the department of military affairs and which  
9 shall consist of all moneys which may be appropriated thereto  
10 by the general assembly or which may be otherwise made  
11 available to it by the general assembly. Moneys "otherwise  
12 made available" shall include any repayment of tuition  
13 assistance made pursuant to subsection (6) of this section.  
14 The moneys in the fund are hereby continuously appropriated  
15 for the payment of tuition assistance as provided in this  
16 section. Any moneys not expended at the end of the fiscal  
17 year shall remain in the fund and shall not be transferred to  
18 or revert to the general fund of the state. Any interest  
19 earned on the investment or deposit of moneys in the fund  
20 shall remain in the fund and shall not be credited to the  
21 general fund of the state.

22 (b) An annual audit of the Colorado national guard  
23 tuition fund shall be made by an auditor or firm of auditors,  
24 having the necessary specialized knowledge and experience,  
25 retained by the state auditor. The cost of such audit and  
26 examination shall be borne by the fund. Following the state

1 auditor's examination of the audit report, the state auditor  
2 shall transmit such report, together with any comments and  
3 recommendations, to the governor, the general assembly, and  
4 the adjutant general of the department of military affairs.

5 SECTION 2. 28-3-106 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, 1989  
6 Repl. Vol., is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH to  
7 read:

8 28-3-106. Powers and duties of adjutant general.  
9 (1) (u) He shall prescribe the rules and regulations  
10 described in section 23-5-111.4 (7), C.R.S.

11 SECTION 3. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby  
12 finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary  
13 for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health,  
14 and safety.

PARTNERSHIP FOR AN EDUCATED COLORADO

2-3-1501. Legislative declaration. (1) The general assembly hereby recognizes:

(a) That there needs to be a unified system for the education and training of children and adults who will be the future work force of Colorado;

(b) That such unified education and training system must keep up with the rapidly changing needs of the economy;

(c) That state and local governments have limited resources available for the funding of the education and training system and that those resources need to be used more effectively;

(d) That new ideas for the restructuring of the education and training system of the state need to be explored;

(e) That there needs to be a coordinated policy among all public and private education and training efforts; and

(f) That there needs to be a coordinated state policy, both short-term and long-term, for the education and training system of the state that addresses the educational needs of Coloradans from early childhood through postsecondary education, including the need for basic and remedial education, continuing education, work force training, and vocational education.

(2) It is therefore the intent of the general assembly

Interim Committee on Education  
Bill No. 2

A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PARTNERSHIP FOR AN EDUCATED COLORADO.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments which may be subsequently adopted.)

Creates a partnership for an educated Colorado to be composed of members of the general assembly, members appointed by the governor, including parents of public school children and representatives of racial and ethnic minorities, and, as ex officio, nonvoting members, the commissioner of education, the executive director of the commission on higher education, the executive director of the department of labor and employment, and a student. Directs the partnership to study and evaluate the education and training needs of Colorado and to recommend a coordinated state policy, both short-term and long-term, for the education and training system of the state. Outlines the responsibilities of the partnership in relation to the development of the coordinated state policy.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. Article 3 of title 2, Colorado Revised Statutes, 1980 Repl. Vol., as amended, is amended BY THE

ADDITION OF A NEW PART to read:

1 that the partnership for an educated Colorado appointed  
2 pursuant to this part 15 study and evaluate the education and  
3 training needs of the people of Colorado and recommend a  
4 coordinated state policy, both short-term and long-term, for  
5 the education and training system of the state, including  
6 recommendations for legislation to implement such policy.

7 2-3-1502. Partnership for an educated Colorado -  
8 creation - composition - compensation. (1) There is hereby  
9 created a partnership for an educated Colorado to be comprised  
10 of fifteen members as follows:

11 (a) The chair of the education committee of the house of  
12 representatives or the chair's designee and two members of the  
13 house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house  
14 of representatives, with one member from each political party;

15 (b) The chair of the education committee of the senate  
16 or the chair's designee and two members of the senate  
17 appointed by the president of the senate, with one member from  
18 each political party;

19 (c) Five members appointed by the governor, two of whom  
20 shall be representative of racial and ethnic minorities in  
21 Colorado and two of whom shall be parents of children  
22 currently attending public school in Colorado;

23 (d) Three ex officio, nonvoting members as follows:

24 (I) The commissioner of education or his designee;

25 (II) The executive director of the commission on higher  
26 education or his designee;

1 (III) The executive director of the department of labor  
2 and employment or his designee;

3 (e) An ex officio, nonvoting student member appointed by  
4 the governor from recommendations made by the Colorado  
5 commission on higher education. Such member shall be a  
6 student enrolled in a Colorado postsecondary education  
7 institution.

8 (2) The chair and vice-chair of the partnership for an  
9 educated Colorado shall alternate annually between the chairs  
10 of the education committees or their designees, with the chair  
11 of the education committee of the senate or the chair's  
12 designee acting as chair of the partnership during the first  
13 year.

14 (3) The members first appointed to the partnership for  
15 an educated Colorado shall serve for the terms designated in  
16 this subsection (3); except that the appointment of a parent  
17 members shall end prior to the expiration of such parent  
18 member's term, and a successor parent member appointed to  
19 complete such term, if such parent member no longer has  
20 children attending public school in Colorado. Following the  
21 expiration of the initial terms, all members appointed to the  
22 partnership shall serve for four-year terms commencing on  
23 February 1 and shall serve until their successors are  
24 appointed; except that the ex officio, nonvoting student  
25 member shall serve a one-year term commencing on September 1  
26 of each year. The terms of the members first appointed shall

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1 be as follows:

2 (a) The members appointed from the house of  
3 representatives shall serve until February 1, 1992, or until  
4 their successors are appointed.

5 (b) Three of the members appointed by the governor shall  
6 serve until February 1, 1993, or until their successors are  
7 appointed.

8 (c) The members appointed from the senate shall serve  
9 until February 1, 1994, or until their successors are  
10 appointed.

11 (d) The remaining two members appointed by the governor  
12 shall serve until February 1, 1995, or until their successors  
13 are appointed.

14 (e) The ex officio, nonvoting student member shall serve  
15 until September 1, 1992, or until a successor is appointed.

16 (4) Members of the partnership for an educated Colorado  
17 shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for  
18 all necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their  
19 duties. Legislative members shall be reimbursed at the  
20 legislative interim committee per diem rate when not in  
21 session.

22 (5) The partnership for an educated Colorado shall meet  
23 as necessary but no less than nine times a year and shall be  
24 assisted by staff from the legislative council and the office  
25 of legislative legal services. The partnership may also  
26 request staff assistance from the office of the governor, the

1 Colorado commission on higher education, and the department of  
2 education.

3 2-3-1503. Responsibilities of the partnership for an  
4 educated Colorado. (1) The partnership for an educated  
5 Colorado shall recommend a coordinated state policy, both  
6 short-term and long-term, for the education and training  
7 system of the state, including recommendations for legislation  
8 to implement such policy. The coordinated state policy shall  
9 establish coordinated goals and objectives for the system so  
10 that the system provides persons with a smooth transition  
11 between the various elements of the system and also keeps pace  
12 with the changing needs of the economy of this state. In  
13 developing the coordinated state policy, the partnership shall  
14 consider at least the following:

15 (a) The education and training of children from early  
16 childhood through secondary school including the reduction of  
17 the dropout rate, the improvement of academic performance, and  
18 the greater involvement of parents and businesses in the  
19 education and training of children;

20 (b) The education and training of students at  
21 state-supported postsecondary institutions;

22 (c) Adult basic education that addresses the illiteracy  
23 problem among adults in this state;

24 (d) Continuing education and work force training for  
25 adults;

26 (e) Vocational education and training for children in

1 secondary schools and for adults which addresses the current  
2 needs of the economy in this state but is flexible enough to  
3 adapt to the changing needs of the economy;

4 (f) Education and training needs of persons who are  
5 making career changes;

6 (g) Accessibility of all citizens in Colorado to all  
7 elements of the education and training system, including  
8 accessibility through the use of telecommunication services,  
9 and other technologies;

10 (h) Teacher education and employment for all levels of  
11 education;

12 (i) Education and training needs of minorities, women,  
13 and the hard-to-employ;

14 (j) The education, services, and activities of private  
15 schools and private postsecondary institutions in Colorado;

16 (k) Apprenticeship and training programs in the private  
17 sector;

18 (l) State support of innovative cooperative efforts  
19 between state agencies and the private sector; and

20 (m) Coordination of education and training efforts of  
21 the private sector with the education and training efforts of  
22 the public sector to avoid the duplication of efforts and to  
23 promote cooperation between the public and private sectors.

24 (2) The partnership for an educated Colorado shall  
25 submit recommendations for the coordinated state policy, both  
26 short-term and long-term, for the education and training

1 system of the state, including recommendations for legislation  
2 to implement the policy, to the governor, the general  
3 assembly, and the people of Colorado no later than January 1,  
4 1993, but portions of the recommendations may be submitted to  
5 the governor and the general assembly prior to said date.  
6 Legislation recommended by the partnership shall be treated as  
7 legislation recommended by an interim legislative committee  
8 for purposes of any introduction deadlines or bill limitations  
9 imposed by the joint rules of the general assembly.  
10 Recommendations for the coordinated state policy which can be  
11 implemented without legislation shall be submitted by the  
12 partnership to the commission on school finance, the  
13 department of education and local school districts, the  
14 Colorado commission on higher education and the governing  
15 boards of state-supported postsecondary institutions, and the  
16 private sector.

17 (3) Following submission of the coordinated state policy  
18 to the governor, the general assembly, and the people of  
19 Colorado, the partnership for an educated Colorado shall  
20 continuously monitor the education and training system of the  
21 state and make recommendations annually to the governor and  
22 the general assembly concerning revisions to the coordinated  
23 state policy.

24 (4) The partnership for an educated Colorado shall also  
25 submit to the governor and the general assembly a spending  
26 priority list which makes recommendations concerning the

1 expenditure of state moneys currently available to fund the  
2 education and training system of the state. The partnership  
3 shall also make recommendations concerning the amount of  
4 increased moneys that may be necessary in order to fully  
5 implement the coordinated state policy for the education and  
6 training system of the state.

7 2-3-1504. Assistance from public and private sector.

8 (1) In fulfilling its responsibilities under section  
9 2-3-1503, the partnership for an educated Colorado shall be  
10 authorized to conduct hearings in all regions of the state for  
11 the purpose of securing data and information and for the  
12 purpose of soliciting ideas, opinions, and recommendations for  
13 inclusion in the recommendations for the coordinated state  
14 policy for the education and training system of the state.

15 (2) The department of education and local school  
16 districts, the Colorado commission on higher education and the  
17 postsecondary institutions, the department of labor and  
18 employment, and the governor's office shall provide all data  
19 requested by the partnership for an educated Colorado and  
20 shall cooperate fully with the partnership in its development  
21 of the coordinated state policy.

22 2-3-1505. Repeal of part. This part 15 is repealed,  
23 effective July 1, 1995.

24 SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby  
25 finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary

1 for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health,  
2 and safety.



Interim Committee on Education  
Bill No. 3

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 CONCERNING THE STRENGTHENING OF PROVISIONS FOR THE PROTECTION  
2 OF STUDENTS AFFECTED BY PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOLS  
3 CEASING OPERATION.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments which may be subsequently adopted.)

Strengthens provisions for the protection of students enrolled in private occupational schools ceasing operation in the following ways: (1) Increases the amount of the surety bond required of approved private occupational schools; (2) Allows the private occupational school division of the department of higher education to use the surety bond of an approved private occupational school that ceases operation to provide train-out for students currently enrolled in such school; and (3) Designates the division as trustee for all prepaid, unearned tuition and fees, student loans, pell grants, and other student financial aid assistance when a school ceases operation. Requires the division to determine whether offering the train-out is practicable without federal government designation of the division as trustee for federal student financial aid funds. Defines "ceasing operation" and "train-out". Makes conforming amendments.

4 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

1 SECTION 1. 12-59-102 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes,  
2 1985 Repl. Vol., as amended, is amended to read:

3 12-59-102. Legislative declaration. (1) It is the  
4 purpose of this article to provide standards for and to foster  
5 and improve private occupational schools and their educational  
6 services and to protect the citizens of this state against  
7 fraudulent or substandard private occupational schools by:

8 (a) Prohibiting the use of false or misleading  
9 literature, advertising, or representations by private  
10 occupational schools or their agents;

11 (b) Establishing accountability for private occupational  
12 schools and their agents through the setting of standards  
13 relative to the quality of educational services, fiscal  
14 responsibility, and ethical business practices;

15 (c) Providing for the preservation of essential records;

16 (d) Providing certain rights and remedies to the private  
17 occupational school division and the consuming public  
18 necessary to effectuate the purposes of this article; and

19 (e) Providing for the authorization of appropriate  
20 educational credentials by approved schools including, but not  
21 limited to, certificates, diplomas, and associate degrees; AND

22 (f) PROVIDING TRAIN-OUT FOR STUDENTS OF PRIVATE  
23 OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOLS CEASING OPERATION.

24 SECTION 2. 12-59-103, Colorado Revised Statutes, 1985  
25 Repl. Vol., as amended, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF THE  
26 FOLLOWING NEW SUBSECTIONS to read:

1 12-59-103. Definitions. (2.7) "Ceasing operation" means  
2 the voluntary discontinuation of operation by a private  
3 occupational school or the discontinuation of operation by a  
4 private occupational school due to the denial, expiration,  
5 revocation, or suspension of such school's certificate of  
6 approval by the division.

7 (13) "Train-out" means the opportunity for a student of  
8 a private occupational school ceasing operation to meet such  
9 student's educational objectives through training provided by  
10 another approved private occupational school, a community  
11 college, an area vocational school, or any other training  
12 arrangement acceptable to the division.

13 SECTION 3. 12-59-115 (2), (3), (4), (7), (9), and (12),  
14 Colorado Revised Statutes, 1985 Repl. Vol., as amended, are  
15 amended to read:

16 12-59-115. Bonds. (2) At the time application is made  
17 for a certificate of approval, the division shall require an  
18 applicant to file with the division a surety bond in such sum  
19 as determined pursuant to SUBSECTION (3) OF this section.  
20 Said bond shall be executed by the applicant as principal and  
21 by a surety company authorized to do business in this state.  
22 The bond shall be conditioned to provide indemnification to  
23 any student or enrollee or his TO ANY parent or guardian OF  
24 SUCH STUDENT OR ENROLLEE determined by the division to have  
25 suffered loss of tuition or any fees as a result of any act or  
26 practice which is a violation of any minimum standard as set

1 forth in this article or any criterion established pursuant  
2 thereto by a school or its agents ~~or as a result of a holder~~  
3 ~~of a certificate of approval~~ AND TO PROVIDE TRAIN-OUT FOR  
4 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN AN APPROVED SCHOOL ceasing operation AS  
5 PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (7) OF THIS SECTION. "~~Ceasing~~  
6 ~~operation"~~ ~~for the purpose of this section is deemed to mean~~  
7 ~~the date on which the certificate of approval expires or is~~  
8 ~~denied, revoked, or suspended by operation of law. Regardless~~  
9 ~~of the number of years that such bond is in force, the~~  
10 ~~aggregate liability of the surety thereon shall in no event~~  
11 ~~exceed the penal sum of the bond.~~ The bond shall be  
12 continuous unless said surety is released as set forth in this  
13 section.

14 (3) The amount of the bond to be submitted with an  
15 application for a certificate of approval shall ~~equal the sum~~  
16 ~~of the following, but~~ BE EQUAL TO THE MAXIMUM PREPAID,  
17 UNEARNED TUITION AND FEES OF THE SCHOOL DURING THE  
18 TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD PRECEDING THE DATE OF ISSUANCE OF THE  
19 CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL. FOLLOWING THE INITIAL FILING OF THE  
20 SURETY BOND WITH THE DIVISION, THE AMOUNT OF THE BOND SHALL BE  
21 RECALCULATED ANNUALLY BASED UPON THE MAXIMUM PREPAID, UNEARNED  
22 TUITION AND FEES RECEIVED BY THE SCHOOL DURING THE PRECEDING  
23 TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD. In no case SHALL THE AMOUNT OF THE BOND  
24 be less than five thousand dollars.

25 (a) ~~The prepaid tuition and fees received during a given~~  
26 ~~fiscal year divided by the number of semesters of training for~~

1 which such payments are received when students commence  
2 training on a semesterly basis;  
3 (b) The prepaid tuition and fees received during a given  
4 fiscal year divided by the number of quarters of training for  
5 which such payments are received when students commence  
6 training on a quarterly basis;  
7 (c) The prepaid tuition and fees received during a given  
8 fiscal year divided by the number of months of training for  
9 which such payments are received when students commence  
10 training on a monthly basis;  
11 (d) The prepaid tuition and fees received during a given  
12 fiscal year divided by the number of classes of training for  
13 which such payments are received when students commence  
14 training on a class basis;  
15 (4) The amount of the bond to be submitted for  
16 correspondence training, combination correspondence and  
17 resident training, and continuous types of training shall be  
18 computed as set forth in paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of  
19 this section.  
20 (7) (a) In the event that a school located within this  
21 state ceases operation, the division shall proceed to  
22 ascertain the names and last known addresses of all students  
23 then enrolled and shall request by letter that all such  
24 students file a notarized claim against said school, if such  
25 claim is not filed with the division within sixty days from  
26 the date of such request, the division shall thereafter be

1 relieved of further duty or action on behalf of said student,  
2 when by reason of the absence of records or other  
3 circumstances, the division is unable to secure through  
4 reasonable inquiry the names and addresses of all of said  
5 students, the division may act on the basis of information  
6 then in its possession and thereafter shall not be liable or  
7 responsible for claims which may subsequently appear or be  
8 discovered. Loss of tuition or any fees suffered as a result  
9 of a school ceasing operation shall not exceed the unearned  
10 portion of such tuition and fees paid or liable to be paid,  
11 All claims for loss of tuition or fees of any nature existing  
12 at the time of or filed subsequent to the cessation of  
13 operation by a school shall be subject to proration in the  
14 event that the school bond is not sufficient to pay all such  
15 claims. A claim may be filed pursuant to this section  
16 notwithstanding that an agreement for completion of training  
17 at another school had been entered into between the student  
18 and the school ceasing operation, in the event that a private  
19 occupational school ceases operation, the division shall be  
20 authorized to make demand on the surety of such school upon  
21 the demand for a refund by a student or the implementation of  
22 a train-out for the students of such school, and the surety  
23 shall pay the claim due in a timely manner. To the extent  
24 practicable, the division shall use the amount of the bond to  
25 provide train-out for students of the private occupational  
26 school ceasing operation through a contract with another

1 APPROVED PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOL, A COMMUNITY COLLEGE, AN  
2 AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL, OR ANY OTHER TRAINING ARRANGEMENT  
3 ACCEPTABLE TO THE DIVISION. THE TRAIN-OUT PROVIDED TO A  
4 STUDENT SHALL REPLACE THE ORIGINAL ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT OR  
5 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE STUDENT AND THE PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL  
6 SCHOOL CEASING OPERATION; EXCEPT THAT TUITION AND FEE PAYMENTS  
7 SHALL BE MADE BY THE STUDENT AS REQUIRED BY THE ORIGINAL  
8 ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT OR CONTRACT.

9 (b) ANY STUDENT ENROLLED IN A PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL  
10 SCHOOL CEASING OPERATION WHO DECLINES THE TRAIN-OUT REQUIRED  
11 TO BE OFFERED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (7)  
12 MAY FILE A CLAIM WITH THE DIVISION FOR THE STUDENT'S PRORATED  
13 SHARE OF THE PREPAID, UNEARNED TUITION AND FEES PAID BY SUCH  
14 STUDENT SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS OF PARAGRAPH (c) OF THIS  
15 SUBSECTION (7).

16 (c) IF THE AMOUNT OF THE BOND IS LESS THAN THE TOTAL  
17 PREPAID, UNEARNED TUITION AND FEES WHICH HAVE BEEN PAID BY  
18 STUDENTS AT THE TIME THE PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOL CEASED  
19 OPERATION, THE AMOUNT OF THE BOND SHALL BE PRORATED AMONG SUCH  
20 STUDENTS.

21 (d) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION (7) SHALL BE  
22 APPLICABLE ONLY TO THOSE STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE PRIVATE  
23 OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOL AT THE TIME IT CEASES OPERATION, AND, ONCE  
24 A SCHOOL CEASES OPERATION, NO NEW STUDENTS SHALL BE ENROLLED  
25 THEREIN.

26 (e) THE DIVISION SHALL BE DESIGNATED AS THE TRUSTEE FOR

1 ALL PREPAID, UNEARNED TUITION AND FEES, STUDENT LOANS, PELL  
2 GRANTS, AND OTHER STUDENT FINANCIAL AID ASSISTANCE IN THE  
3 EVENT THAT AN APPROVED PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOL CEASES  
4 OPERATION.

5 (f) THE DIVISION SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER THE OFFERING OF  
6 A TRAIN-OUT FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN AN APPROVED PRIVATE  
7 OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOL CEASING OPERATION IS PRACTICABLE WITHOUT  
8 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DESIGNATION OF THE DIVISION AS TRUSTEE FOR  
9 STUDENT LOANS, PELL GRANTS, AND OTHER STUDENT FINANCIAL AID  
10 ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (e) OF THIS SUBSECTION (7).

11 (9) EXCEPT WITH RESPECT TO A CLAIM FOR TUITION AND FEES  
12 MADE BY A STUDENT ENROLLED IN AN APPROVED PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL  
13 SCHOOL CEASING OPERATION, the division shall conduct a hearing  
14 for the purpose of determining any loss of tuition or fees,  
15 and, if any claim is found to be correct and due the claimant,  
16 the division shall make demand upon the principal and the  
17 surety on the bond. If the principal or surety fails or  
18 refuses to pay the claim due, the division shall commence an  
19 action on such bond in any court of competent jurisdiction;  
20 except that no such action may be filed more than six years  
21 subsequent to the date of cessation of operation or of any  
22 violation which gives rise to the right to file a claim  
23 pursuant to this section. A CLAIM FOR TUITION AND FEES MADE  
24 BY A STUDENT ENROLLED IN AN APPROVED PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL  
25 SCHOOL CEASING OPERATION SHALL BE HANDLED IN THE MANNER  
26 PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (7) OF THIS SECTION.

1 (12) (a) In--the--event--the--division--determines--that  
2 reasonable-surety-bonds-are-no-longer-available-to-the-private  
3 occupational-schools-in-this-state, The division may allow  
4 alternate surety methods in lieu of the existing bonding  
5 requirements whereby--approved--schools--may--operate--until  
6 reasonable--surety--bonds--or--surety-bond-alternatives-can-be  
7 obtained--in--this--state OF THIS SECTION. The alternate  
8 sureties shall be conditioned to provide indemnification to  
9 any student or enrollee or his TO ANY parent or guardian OF  
10 SUCH STUDENT OR ENROLLEE for any loss of tuition or any fees  
11 as a result of any act or practice which is a violation of  
12 this article or-cessation-of-operation-of-the--school AND TO  
13 PROVIDE TRAIN-OUT FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN AN APPROVED SCHOOL  
14 CEASING OPERATION AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (7) OF THIS  
15 SECTION. IN THE EVENT THAT A SCHOOL COVERED BY AN ALTERNATE  
16 SURETY CEASES OPERATION, THE DIVISION SHALL ACT IN THE MANNER  
17 PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (7) OF THIS SECTION.

18 (b) PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1991, AND EACH YEAR  
19 THEREAFTER, ANY ALTERNATE SURETY ALLOWED BY THE DIVISION SHALL  
20 BE REQUIRED TO CONTRACT FOR AN INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL AUDIT.  
21 SUCH AUDIT SHALL BE INCLUDED IN A REPORT TO THE DIVISION DUE  
22 BY JANUARY 1, OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR. THE DIVISION MAY  
23 DISAPPROVE AN ALTERNATE SURETY IF IT DEEMS THAT SUCH SURETY IS  
24 NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH THE INDEMNIFICATION AND  
25 TRAIN-OUT REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION.

26 SECTION 4. 12-59-119 (1) and (2), Colorado Revised

1 Statutes, 1985 Repl. Vol., as amended, are amended to read:

2 12-59-119. Preservation of records. (1) In the event  
3 that ~~the-operation-of~~ a school located within this state is  
4 discontinued CEASES OPERATION, the owner or his SUCH OWNER'S  
5 authorized designee shall deposit with the division of state  
6 archives and public records the original or legible true  
7 copies of all educational, financial, or other records of said  
8 school.

9 (2) In the event THAT it appears to the division that  
10 any such records of a school ~~discontinuing-its-operations~~  
11 CEASING OPERATION are in danger of being destroyed, secreted,  
12 mislaid, or otherwise made unavailable to the division, the  
13 division may seize and take possession of such records upon  
14 making application to any court of competent jurisdiction for  
15 an appropriate order. The division shall maintain or cause to  
16 be maintained in the division of state archives and public  
17 records a permanent file of any such records.

18 SECTION 5. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby  
19 finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary  
20 for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health,  
21 and safety.

Interim Committee on Education  
Bill No. 4

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 CONCERNING THE LICENSURE OF EDUCATORS.

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Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments which may be subsequently adopted.)

Creates a new article 60.5 in title 22, C.R.S., concerning the licensure of teachers, principals, administrators, and special services providers. Defines terms. Provides for initial applicants for licenses and authorizations to submit fingerprints as a prerequisite for licensure. Requires such applicants to make specified certified statements. Authorizes the department of education to release such fingerprints to the Colorado bureau of investigation. Allows for applicants for provisional licenses to be required to submit statements regarding completion of approved programs of preparation.

Authorizes the state board of education to endorse licenses in certain manners. Provides for the review of any endorsement. Specifies grounds for the denial, annulment, suspension, and revocation of licenses, certificates, endorsements, and authorizations and sets procedures therefor. Allows the state board of education to appoint the appropriate professional standards board as a hearing board to preside at hearings concerning such denials, annulments, suspensions, and revocations and to issue decisions regarding such proceedings. Allows professional standards boards to appoint administrative law judges to preside at such hearings.

Specifies requirements and procedures for the renewal of licenses. Specifies the types of authorizations which the department of education may issue. Sets forth requirements for the issuance of such authorizations and their terms.

Authorizes the collection of application and renewal fees for licenses, certificates, endorsements, and authorizations. Creates the educator licensure cash fund and specifies that such collected fees be credited to said cash fund. Provides for the transfer of the teacher certification cash fund to the educator licensure cash fund. Provides for the issuance of professional licenses upon the satisfaction of certain requirements to persons holding certificates issued pursuant to article 60 of title 22, C.R.S., which were issued or renewed prior to a specified date.

Authorizes the state board of education to waive any requirement set forth in article 60.5 of title 22, C.R.S., in certain circumstances. Requires professional standards boards to make recommendations regarding certain waivers prior to action taken by the state board of education. Provides for the state board of education to promulgate rules and regulations. Provides for the evaluation of programs of preparation by teachers, principals, and administrators.

Specifies the types of licenses which the department of education may issue to teachers, principals, administrators, and special services providers. Sets forth qualification requirements for the issuance of such licenses and their terms. Authorizes the department of education to issue master certificates to professional licensees with certain expertise or achievements. Requires the state board of education to establish areas of knowledge in which provisional and professional licensees shall be satisfactorily proficient. Sets forth criteria for approved induction programs for provisional licensees provided by school districts and boards of cooperative services. After a specified date, as a condition of approval for programs of preparation for principals, requires accepted institutions of higher education to annually provide principal academies throughout the state. Allows such principal academies to be part of approved induction programs and professional development plans.

Sets forth the duties of the department of education in regard to alternative teacher programs. Provides for the creation of alternative teacher support teams and advisory councils and sets forth their responsibilities in regard to alternative teachers. Specifies terms and conditions which may be included in alternative teacher contracts. Provides for the department of education to award minority alternative teacher fellowships and allows the department to accept gifts and grants to be used for such fellowships. Requires the department of education to submit an annual report to the general assembly regarding alternative teachers and specifies information to be included in such report.

Creates professional standards boards for teachers, principals, administrators, and special services providers within the department of education. Specifies the membership and the powers and duties of said boards.

Authorizes the state board of education to coordinate the review of approved programs of preparation with the review of

accepted institutions of higher education by nationally recognized accrediting agencies and organizations. Requires said state board to notify the Colorado commission on higher education of any programs of preparation which the state board of education has refused to approve and to recommend termination of such programs. On and after July 1, 1994, prohibits certificates from being issued or renewed pursuant to the provisions of article 60 of title 22, C.R.S., and repeals said article on July 1, 1999. Requires the governing boards of the state institutions of higher education to give special consideration to programs in schools of education which have responded to the new Colorado educator licensing system when recommending programs to be designated as programs of excellence.

1 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

2 SECTION 1. Title 22, Colorado Revised Statutes, 1988

3 Repl. Vol., as amended, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW

4 ARTICLE to read:

5 ARTICLE 60.5

6 Licensure

7 PART 1

8 GENERAL PROVISIONS

9 22-60.5-101. Short title. This article shall be known  
10 and may be cited as the "Colorado Educator Licensing Act of  
11 1991".

12 22-60.5-102. Definitions. As used in this article,  
13 unless the context otherwise requires:

14 (1) "Accepted institution of higher education" means an  
15 institution of higher education that offers at least the  
16 standard bachelor's degree, is accredited by a nationally  
17 recognized accrediting agency or organization, and is  
18 recognized by one of the following regional associations: The

1 western association of schools and colleges, northwest  
2 association of secondary and higher schools, north central  
3 association of colleges and schools, New England association  
4 of schools and colleges, southern association of colleges and  
5 schools, or middle states association of colleges and  
6 secondary schools.

7 (2) "Accredited independent school" means any  
8 independent school which is accredited by the state board of  
9 education pursuant to the rules and regulations of said board.

10 (3) "Administrator" means any person who administers,  
11 directs, or supervises the education instructional program, or  
12 portion thereof, in any school or school district in the state  
13 and who is not the chief executive officer or an assistant  
14 chief executive officer of such school.

15 (4) "Alternative teacher contract" means a one-year  
16 contract entered into for an alternative teacher position by  
17 any holder of an alternative teacher license and any school  
18 district, board of cooperative services, or accredited  
19 independent school which has an alternative teacher program.

20 (5) "Alternative teacher program" means a one-year  
21 program of study and training for teacher preparation for  
22 persons of demonstrated knowledge and ability who hold an  
23 alternative teacher license pursuant to section 22-60.5-201  
24 (1) (a) which meets the standards of and has been approved by  
25 the state board of education and that upon completion leads to  
26 a recommendation for licensure by the school district or

1 districts, the board of cooperative services, or the  
2 accredited independent school providing such program.

3 (6) "Alternative teacher support team" means a team  
4 established by the designated agency for each holder of an  
5 alternative teacher license employed as an alternative  
6 teacher. At a minimum, each alternative teacher support team  
7 shall be composed of the alternative teacher's mentor teacher  
8 and the principal and a representative of an accepted  
9 institution of higher education.

10 (7) "Approved program of preparation" means a program of  
11 study for preparation that meets the standards of the state  
12 board of education and that upon completion leads to a  
13 recommendation for licensure by an accepted institution of  
14 higher education.

15 (8) "Board of education" means the governing body  
16 authorized by law to administer the affairs of any school  
17 district in the state except junior and community college  
18 districts. "Board of education" includes a board of  
19 cooperative services organized pursuant to article 5 of this  
20 title.

21 (9) "Designated agency" means a school district or  
22 districts, a board of cooperative services, an accredited  
23 independent school, or an accepted institution of higher  
24 education, or any combination thereof, which is responsible  
25 for the organization, management, and operation of an approved  
26 alternative teacher program.

1 (10) "Endorsement" means the designation on a license or  
2 an authorization of grade level, subject matter, or service  
3 specialization in accordance with the preparation, training,  
4 and experience of the holder of such license or authorization.

5 (11) "Mentor administrator" means any administrator who  
6 is designated by the school district or districts or the board  
7 of cooperative services providing an approved induction  
8 program for provisional administrator licensees and who has  
9 demonstrated outstanding administrative skills and school  
10 leadership and can provide exemplary modeling and counseling  
11 to provisional administrator licensees participating in an  
12 approved induction program.

13 (12) "Mentor principal" means any principal who is  
14 designated by the school district or districts or the board of  
15 cooperative services providing an approved induction program  
16 for provisional principal licensees and who has demonstrated  
17 outstanding principal skills and school leadership and can  
18 provide exemplary modeling and counseling to provisional  
19 principal licensees participating in an approved induction  
20 program.

21 (13) "Mentor special services provider" means any  
22 special services provider who is designated by the school  
23 district or districts or the board of cooperative services  
24 providing an approved induction program for provisional  
25 special services licensees and who has demonstrated  
26 outstanding special services provider skills and school



1 leadership and can provide exemplary modeling and counseling  
2 to provisional special services licensees participating in an  
3 approved induction program.

4 (14) "Mentor teacher" means:

5 (a) Any teacher who is designated by the school  
6 district, board of cooperative services, or accredited  
7 independent school employing an alternative teacher and who  
8 has demonstrated outstanding teaching and school leadership  
9 and can provide exemplary modeling and counseling to  
10 alternative teachers participating in an alternative teacher  
11 program; or

12 (b) Any teacher who is designated by the school district  
13 or districts or the board of cooperative services providing an  
14 approved induction program for provisional teacher licensees  
15 and who has demonstrated outstanding teaching and school  
16 leadership and can provide exemplary modeling and counseling  
17 to provisional teacher licensees participating in an approved  
18 induction program.

19 (15) "Principal" means any person who is employed as the  
20 chief executive officer or an assistant chief executive  
21 officer of any school in the state and who administers,  
22 directs, or supervises the education instructional program in  
23 such school.

24 (16) "School" means any of the public schools of the  
25 state.

26 (17) "School district" means any school district

1 organized and existing pursuant to law, but it does not  
2 include junior or community college districts. "School  
3 district" includes a board of cooperative services organized  
4 pursuant to article 5 of this title.

5 (18) "State board of education" means the state board of  
6 education established by section 1 of article IX of the state  
7 constitution.

8 (19) "Teacher" means any person employed to instruct  
9 students in any school in the state.

10 22-60.5-103. Initial applicants - licenses -  
11 authorizations - submittal of form and fingerprints - failure  
12 to comply constitutes grounds for denial. (1) Any person  
13 making initial application for any provisional license  
14 specified in section 22-60.5-201, 22-60.5-301, 22-60.5-401, or  
15 22-60.5-501 or for any authorization specified in section  
16 22-60.5-111 shall submit a complete set of fingerprints of  
17 such applicant taken by a qualified law enforcement agency and  
18 a notarized, completed form as specified in subsection (2) of  
19 this section. Said fingerprints and form shall be submitted  
20 to the department of education at the time of application.  
21 The provisions of this section shall not apply to any person  
22 making application for any professional license specified in  
23 section 22-60.5-201, 22-60.5-301, 22-60.5-401, or 22-60.5-501,  
24 for renewal of a license pursuant to the provisions of section  
25 22-60.5-110, or for renewal of an authorization.

26 (2) (a) On a form provided by the department of

1 education, an applicant shall certify, under penalty of  
2 perjury, either:

3 (I) That he has never been convicted of committing any  
4 felony or misdemeanor, but not including any misdemeanor  
5 traffic offense or traffic infraction; or

6 (II) That he has been convicted of committing any felony  
7 or misdemeanor, but not including any misdemeanor traffic  
8 offense or traffic infraction. Such certification shall  
9 specify such felony or misdemeanor for which convicted, the  
10 date of such conviction, and the court entering the judgment  
11 of conviction.

12 (b) For the purposes of paragraph (a) of this subsection  
13 (2), a person is deemed to have been convicted of committing a  
14 felony or misdemeanor if such person has been convicted under  
15 the laws of any other state, the United States, or any  
16 territory subject to the jurisdiction of the United States of  
17 an unlawful act which, if committed within this state, would  
18 have been a felony or misdemeanor.

19 (c) For the purposes of this subsection (2), "convicted"  
20 means a conviction by a jury or by a court and shall also  
21 include the forfeiture of any bail, bond, or other security  
22 deposited to secure the appearance by a person charged with  
23 having committed a felony or misdemeanor, the payment of a  
24 fine, a plea of nolo contendere, and the imposition of a  
25 deferred or suspended sentence by the court.

26 (3) In addition to any other requirements established by

1 law for the issuance of any provisional license specified in  
2 section 22-60.5-201, 22-60.5-301, 22-60.5-401, or 22-60.5-501  
3 or for any authorization specified in section 22-60.5-111, the  
4 submittal of fingerprints and forms pursuant to the provisions  
5 of subsection (1) of this section shall be a prerequisite to  
6 the issuance of such license or authorization by the  
7 department of education. Said department shall not issue any  
8 provisional license specified in section 22-60.5-201,  
9 22-60.5-301, 22-60.5-401, or 22-60.5-501 or any authorization  
10 specified in section 22-60.5-111 to any person making initial  
11 application who does not comply with the provisions of  
12 subsection (1) of this section.

13 (4) The department of education shall release  
14 fingerprints submitted pursuant to subsection (1) of this  
15 section to the Colorado bureau of investigation for the  
16 purpose of fingerprint processing, utilizing the files and  
17 records of the Colorado bureau of investigation and the  
18 federal bureau of investigation.

19 (5) The department of education may issue any  
20 provisional license specified in section 22-60.5-201,  
21 22-60.5-301, 22-60.5-401, or 22-60.5-501 or any authorization  
22 specified in section 22-60.5-111 prior to receiving the  
23 results regarding an applicant's fingerprints from the  
24 Colorado bureau of investigation; however, the department of  
25 education may annul, pursuant to section 22-60.5-107 (1), any  
26 license or authorization so issued if such results are

1 inconsistent with the information provided by the applicant in  
2 the form submitted pursuant to subsection (1) of this section.

3 22-60.5-104. Applicants for provisional licensure -  
4 statement of completion of approved program of preparation.

5 (1) Each applicant for any provisional license issued  
6 pursuant to the provisions of this article may be required to  
7 submit a statement from the designated recommending official  
8 of the accepted institution of higher education. Such  
9 statement shall certify that the applicant has completed the  
10 approved program of preparation appropriate to the provisional  
11 license being applied for in a satisfactory manner and is in  
12 good standing. Such statement shall not be required for the  
13 renewal of such license.

14 (2) If an applicant for a provisional principal license  
15 or a provisional administrator license is required to submit a  
16 statement from the designated recommending official of an  
17 accepted institution of higher education pursuant to  
18 subsection (1) of this section, he shall be provided with an  
19 opportunity to submit statements from two or more such  
20 designated recommending officials at different accepted  
21 institutions of higher education, each of which statements  
22 certifies partial completion of an approved program of  
23 preparation appropriate to the provisional license being  
24 applied for in a satisfactory manner. Pursuant to the rules  
25 and regulations of the state board of education, the  
26 department of education shall provide a procedure through

1 which such statements of partial completion of an approved  
2 program may be combined to certify regular completion of an  
3 approved program of preparation. The combination of such  
4 statements shall result in a combined approved program of  
5 preparation when it is, in the judgment of the department of  
6 education, at least the equivalent of the regular approved  
7 program of preparation at any one of the accepted institutions  
8 of higher education of attendance. Any reference in this  
9 article to completion of an approved program shall be deemed  
10 to include reference to partial completion of two or more  
11 approved programs combined pursuant to this subsection (2).

12 22-60.5-105. Applicants for licensure or authorization -  
13 moral qualifications. In determining the moral qualifications  
14 of applicants for licensure or authorization, the department  
15 of education shall be governed by the provisions of section  
16 24-5-101, C.R.S.

17 22-60.5-106. Endorsement of license - effect. The  
18 department of education is authorized to cause a license to be  
19 endorsed. Such endorsement identifies the grade level or  
20 levels, subject matter area or areas, or other specialization  
21 appropriate to an applicant's preparation, training, or  
22 experience. Any endorsement made pursuant to this section  
23 shall be subject to review at the expiration of the license so  
24 endorsed. The state board of education may establish, by rule  
25 and regulation, criteria for such endorsements.

26 22-60.5-107. Grounds for denying, annulling, suspending,

1 or revoking license, certificate, endorsement, or  
2 authorization. (1) If any person obtains any license,  
3 certificate, endorsement, or authorization pursuant to the  
4 provisions of this article through misrepresentation or fraud  
5 or through misleading information or untruthful statement  
6 submitted or offered with the intent to misrepresent or  
7 mislead or to conceal the truth, such license, certificate,  
8 endorsement, or authorization may be annulled by the  
9 department of education in the manner prescribed in section  
10 22-60.5-108.

11 (2) Any license, certificate, endorsement, or  
12 authorization may be denied, annulled, suspended, or revoked  
13 in the manner prescribed in section 22-60.5-108,  
14 notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this  
15 section:

16 (a) When the holder has been determined to be mentally  
17 incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction and a court  
18 has entered, pursuant to part 3 or part 4 of article 14 of  
19 title 15 or section 26-3-104 (4), 27-10-109 (4), or 27-10-125,  
20 C.R.S., an order specifically finding that the mental  
21 incompetency is of such a degree that the holder is incapable  
22 of continuing to perform his job; except that the license,  
23 certificate, endorsement, or authorization held by a person  
24 who has been determined to be mentally incompetent and for  
25 whom such an order has been entered shall be revoked or  
26 suspended by operation of law without a hearing,

1 notwithstanding the provisions of section 22-60.5-108.

2 (b) When the holder is convicted, pleads nolo  
3 contendere, or receives a deferred sentence for a violation of  
4 any law of this state or any counterpart municipal law of this  
5 state involving unlawful behavior pursuant to any of the  
6 following statutory provisions: Sections 18-3-305, 18-6-302,  
7 and 18-6-701, section 18-6-301, C.R.S., when the victim is a  
8 child who is ten years of age or older and under eighteen  
9 years of age, part 4 of article 3, part 4 of article 6, and  
10 part 4 of article 7 of title 18, C.R.S.;

11 (c) When the holder is found guilty of or upon the  
12 court's acceptance of a guilty plea or a plea of nolo  
13 contendere to a violation of any law of this state, any  
14 municipality of this state, or the United States involving the  
15 illegal sale of controlled substances, as defined in section  
16 12-22-303 (7), C.R.S.;

17 (d) When the holder is found guilty of a felony or upon  
18 the court's acceptance of a guilty plea or a plea of nolo  
19 contendere to a felony in this state or, under the laws of any  
20 other state, the United States, or any territory subject to  
21 the jurisdiction of the United States, of a crime which, if  
22 committed within this state, would be a felony, when the  
23 commission of said felony, in the judgment of the state board  
24 of education, renders him unfit to perform the services  
25 authorized by his license, certificate, endorsement, or  
26 authorization.

1 (3) A certified copy of the judgment of a court of  
2 competent jurisdiction of a conviction, the acceptance of a  
3 guilty plea, a plea of nolo contendere, or a deferred sentence  
4 shall be conclusive evidence for the purposes of paragraphs  
5 (b) and (c) of subsection (2) of this section. Upon receipt  
6 of a certified copy of the judgment, the department of  
7 education may take immediate action to deny, annul, or suspend  
8 any license, certificate, endorsement, or authorization  
9 without a hearing, notwithstanding the provisions of section  
10 22-60.5-108. The department of education may revoke a  
11 suspended license based on a violation of paragraph (b) or (c)  
12 of subsection (2) of this section, without a hearing and  
13 without any further action, after the exhaustion of all  
14 appeals, if any, or after the time for seeking an appeal has  
15 elapsed, and upon the entry of a final judgment.

16 (4) The department of education may suspend or revoke  
17 any license, certificate, endorsement, or authorization if the  
18 state board finds and determines that the holder thereof has  
19 become professionally incompetent or guilty of unethical  
20 behavior.

21 (5) The state board of education shall promulgate  
22 appropriate rules and regulations defining the standards of  
23 unethical behavior and professional incompetency.

24 22-60.5-108. Procedure - denial, suspension, annulment,  
25 or revocation - license, certificate, endorsement, or  
26 authorization. Procedures for the denial, suspension,

1 revocation, or annulment of any license, certificate,  
2 endorsement, or authorization shall be in accordance with the  
3 provisions of sections 24-4-102 to 24-4-107, C.R.S.; except  
4 that, where judicial review is pending or the time in which to  
5 seek judicial review has not elapsed, the department of  
6 education may take emergency action relating to the annulment,  
7 suspension, or revocation of any license, certificate,  
8 endorsement, or authorization, and the expiration date of any  
9 license, certificate, endorsement, or authorization shall not  
10 be extended, even though judicial review is pending or the  
11 time for seeking such review has not elapsed.

12 22-60.5-109. Hearing board - administrative law judges -  
13 duties. (1) The state board of education is authorized to  
14 appoint a hearing board, which shall consist of the  
15 professional standards board appropriate to the license,  
16 certificate, endorsement, or authorization involved, which may  
17 preside at hearings on the denial, annulment, suspension, or  
18 revocation of a license, a certificate, an endorsement, or an  
19 authorization. When so appointed, the hearing board shall  
20 issue a decision which shall be appealable to the state board  
21 of education on the record.

22 (2) (a) When a hearing board is appointed pursuant to  
23 subsection (1) of this section, the hearing board may use an  
24 administrative law judge who shall perform the functions of  
25 the hearing board and who shall reduce his findings to written  
26 form and submit them to the hearing board. Upon consideration

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1 of such findings, the hearing board shall issue a decision  
2 which shall be appealable to the state board of education on  
3 the record.

4 (b) The professional standards boards, created pursuant  
5 to the provisions of this article, through the department of  
6 education, may employ administrative law judges on a full-time  
7 or part-time basis to conduct hearings pursuant to paragraph  
8 (a) of this subsection (2).

9 22-60.5-110. Renewal of licenses. (1) Any license shall  
10 expire as prescribed in section 22-60.5-201, 22-60.5-301,  
11 22-60.5-401, or 22-60.5-501, subject to the provisions of  
12 section 24-4-104 (7), C.R.S., when applicable.

13 (2) Any provisional license may be renewed upon  
14 submitting an application for renewal, payment of the  
15 statutory fee, and satisfaction of any requirements  
16 established by rule and regulation of the state board of  
17 education.

18 (3) (a) Any professional license may be renewed upon  
19 submitting an application for renewal, payment of the  
20 statutory fee, and evidence of satisfactory completion of the  
21 applicant's professional development plan appropriate to the  
22 type of professional license.

23 (b) A professional licensee and his immediate supervisor  
24 shall develop and complete a professional development plan  
25 within the five-year period prior to the date of application.  
26 Such professional development plan shall be developed pursuant

1 to guidelines and criteria established by rule and regulation  
2 of the state board of education and may include, but need not  
3 be limited to, in-service education; college or university  
4 credit from an accepted institution of higher education, an  
5 institution within the state system of Colorado community and  
6 technical colleges, or a Colorado local junior college;  
7 educational travel; involvement in school reform; internships;  
8 and on-going professional development training and  
9 experiences. Such professional development plans may be  
10 developed in collaboration with accepted institutions of  
11 higher education.

12 (4) Any applicant whose application for renewal of any  
13 license has been denied may appeal to the state board of  
14 education. If the state board of education finds that the  
15 applicant has met the criteria established by this section and  
16 by rule and regulation of the state board of education, the  
17 renewal of the license shall be approved by said board.

18 22-60.5-111. Authorization - types - applicants'  
19 qualifications. (1) Pursuant to the rules and regulations of  
20 the state board of education, the department of education is  
21 authorized to issue the following authorizations to persons of  
22 good moral character meeting the qualifications prescribed by  
23 this section and by the rules and regulations of the state  
24 board of education:

25 (a) A type I authorization, adjunct teacher, certifies  
26 that a person possesses outstanding talent in a particular

1 area of specialization and demonstrates specific abilities and  
2 knowledge therein in such area. The teacher's services shall  
3 have been requested by a board of education and shall be  
4 limited to the area of specialization. A type I authorization  
5 is renewable indefinitely upon request by a board of education  
6 based upon the documented needs of the program.

7 (b) A type II authorization, intern, certifies that a  
8 person has been awarded at least a bachelor's degree from an  
9 accepted institution of higher education but whose program of  
10 preparation requires completion of a supervised internship. A  
11 type II intern authorization shall be valid only while the  
12 holder serves under the supervision of a licensed professional  
13 teacher, professional principal, or professional  
14 administrator, whichever is appropriate, as an intern in an  
15 approved program of preparation offered by an accepted  
16 institution of higher education in Colorado.

17 (c) A type III authorization, emergency, authorizes  
18 school districts to employ a person to teach or to perform  
19 services as a principal, administrator, or special services  
20 provider, at a particular grade level or in a special subject  
21 or service area when, in the judgment of the state board of  
22 education, an emergency exists due to a demonstrated shortage  
23 of licensed teachers, principals, administrators, or special  
24 services providers, whichever is appropriate, with appropriate  
25 endorsements and such action is essential to the preservation  
26 of good instructional programs in the public schools and to

1 the educational well-being of the children enrolled therein.  
2 Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph (c), a type III  
3 emergency authorization shall be valid for a period of one  
4 school year and may be renewed. A type III emergency  
5 authorization for a person to teach shall not be renewed  
6 unless the state board of education determines that the  
7 establishment of an alternative teacher program by the board  
8 of education is not a practicable solution to such  
9 demonstrated shortage.

10 (2) No authorization shall be issued pursuant to the  
11 provisions of this section prior to July 1, 1994.

12 22-60.5-112. Fees. The fee for the examination and  
13 review of an application for any license, endorsement,  
14 certificate, or authorization, or any renewal thereof, shall  
15 be established by the state board of education and shall be  
16 nonrefundable. Upon determination of eligibility, such  
17 license, endorsement, certificate, or authorization shall be  
18 issued without an additional fee. The state board of  
19 education shall adjust if necessary all such fees annually so  
20 that they generate an amount of revenue that approximates the  
21 direct and indirect costs of the state board of education and  
22 of the department of education for the administration of this  
23 article; however, the state board of education shall establish  
24 and adjust such fees for licenses issued pursuant to section  
25 22-60.5-201 (1) (a) so that the fees generate an amount of  
26 revenue that approximates the direct and indirect costs of the

1 state board of education and the department of education for  
 2 the administration of sections 22-60.5-201 (1) (a) and  
 3 22-60.5-205. All fees collected under this section shall be  
 4 transmitted to the state treasurer and credited to the  
 5 educator licensure cash fund, which fund is hereby created.  
 6 All moneys credited to the teacher certification cash fund, as  
 7 created in section 22-60-106, as of June 30, 1999, shall be  
 8 transferred to the educator licensure cash fund on July 1,  
 9 1999. The general assembly shall make annual appropriations  
 10 from the educator licensure cash fund for expenditures of the  
 11 state board of education and of the department of education  
 12 incurred in the administration of this article. At the end of  
 13 any fiscal year, all unexpended and unencumbered moneys in the  
 14 educator licensure cash fund shall remain therein and shall  
 15 not be credited or transferred to the general fund or any  
 16 other fund.

17 22-60.5-113. Issuance of professional licenses to  
 18 certificate holders. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
 19 sections 22-60.5-201 (1) (c), 22-60.5-301 (1) (b), 22-60.5-401  
 20 (1) (b), and 22-60.5-501 (1) (b), any person who holds any  
 21 certificate which was issued or renewed pursuant to article 60  
 22 of this title prior to July 1, 1994, may, at its expiration,  
 23 make application for the issuance of a professional teacher  
 24 license, a professional principal license, a professional  
 25 administrator license, or a professional special services  
 26 license, whichever is determined appropriate by the state

1 board of education. Such professional license shall be issued  
 2 only upon such person submitting an application, payment of  
 3 the appropriate fee, and evidence of the completion of renewal  
 4 credit as specified in section 22-60-107.

5 (2) Any applicant whose application for licensure made  
 6 pursuant to subsection (1) of this section has been denied may  
 7 appeal to the state board of education. If the state board of  
 8 education determines that the applicant has met the criteria  
 9 established by this section, the issuance of the professional  
 10 license shall be approved by said board.

11 (3) Any application made pursuant to the provisions of  
 12 this section shall not constitute an initial application for  
 13 licensure for purposes of section 22-60.5-103.

14 22-60.5-114. State board of education - waivers.  
 15 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the state board of  
 16 education is authorized, by a two-thirds vote of the members  
 17 of said board, to waive any requirement imposed by this  
 18 article as it deems necessary to accomplish the purposes of  
 19 improving the quality of education instructional programs in  
 20 the public schools of this state. However, prior to the state  
 21 board waiving any licensing, certification, or endorsement  
 22 requirement specified in this article for any individual  
 23 applicant, the appropriate professional standards board shall  
 24 review the request for waiver and issue a recommendation to  
 25 the state board as to whether such waiver should be granted.

26 22-60.5-115. Rules and regulations. (1) The state board



1 of education is authorized to adopt and prescribe rules and  
2 regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of this  
3 article for its proper administration.

4 (2) The state board of education shall promulgate rules  
5 and regulations as necessary to implement sections 22-60.5-201  
6 (1) (a) and 22-60.5-205. Such rules and regulations shall  
7 include, but need not be limited to, the following:

8 (a) Application procedures to obtain approval by the  
9 state board of education of any proposed alternative teacher  
10 program. Such application for approval shall include, but  
11 shall not be limited to, statements by the designated agency  
12 making such application as to the expectations of what such  
13 program would accomplish, the goals and objectives of such  
14 alternative teacher program, and what benefits alternative  
15 teachers would expect to receive by participating in such  
16 alternative teacher program.

17 (b) Criteria for the approval by the state board of  
18 education of any proposed alternative teacher program;

19 (c) Criteria relating to the designation of mentor  
20 teachers by school districts, boards of cooperative services,  
21 and accredited independent schools providing alternative  
22 teacher programs. Such guidelines may include, but shall not  
23 be limited to, consideration of the following factors in  
24 regard to potential mentor teachers:

- 25 (I) Educational attainment;
- 26 (II) Level of experience;

1 (11) The general consensus of professional opinion in  
2 such school district, board of cooperative services, or  
3 accredited independent school.

4 (d) Procedures and criteria for the evaluation of  
5 approved alternative teacher programs by the department of  
6 education;

7 (e) Procedures and criteria for performance evaluations  
8 of alternative teachers which shall be in accordance with  
9 section 22-9-106. However, the state board may provide for  
10 such performance evaluations by mentor teachers.

11 22-60.5-116. Evaluation of approved programs of  
12 preparation for teachers, principals, and administrators.

13 (1) Every two years, teachers employed by the school  
14 districts of the state who completed their preparation at  
15 accepted institutions of higher education in this state shall  
16 evaluate their program during their first and third years of  
17 teaching. For 1994 and every even year thereafter, a sample  
18 of principals and administrators employed by the school  
19 districts of the state who completed their preparation at  
20 accepted institutions of higher education in this state shall  
21 evaluate their programs. Such sample shall be selected by the  
22 department of education. Such evaluations shall be on forms  
23 prepared and distributed by the department of education. The  
24 completed forms shall be returned to the department of  
25 education for compilation, review by the appropriate  
26 professional standards board and the state board of education,

1 and dissemination to Colorado teacher, principal, and  
2 administrator preparation institutions.

3 (2) The administrative staff of the school districts of  
4 this state shall be provided forms for the evaluation of  
5 approved programs of preparation of teachers of graduates of  
6 Colorado teacher preparation institutions employed within  
7 said school districts. Evaluation shall be completed during  
8 the first and third years of teaching as specified in  
9 subsection (1) of this section or at such other times as may  
10 be deemed appropriate by the state board of education. Such  
11 forms shall be returned to the department of education for  
12 compilation, review by the teacher professional standards  
13 board and the state board of education, and dissemination to  
14 Colorado teacher preparation institutions.

15 22-60.5-117. Prior certificates validated. This article  
16 shall not be construed as invalidating any certificate issued  
17 or renewed pursuant to article 60 of this title prior to July  
18 1, 1994, and said certificate shall remain valid until the  
19 date of expiration, except as provided in sections 22-60-110  
20 to 22-60-112 for the denial, suspension, annulment, or  
21 revocation of a certificate.

22 PART 2

23 TEACHERS

24 22-60.5-201. Types of teacher licenses issued - term.

25 (1) The department of education is designated as the sole  
26 agency authorized to issue the following teacher licenses to

1 persons of good moral character:

2 (a) Alternative teacher license. (I) The department of  
3 education may, at its discretion, issue an alternative teacher  
4 license to any applicant who:

5 (A) Holds an earned baccalaureate degree from a fully  
6 accredited institution of higher education; and

7 (B) Has demonstrated basic competency in oral and  
8 written English and mathematics; and

9 (C) Has been recommended by an accepted institution of  
10 higher education as having met subject matter requirements,  
11 has been confirmed by such accepted institution of higher  
12 education as having the subject matter knowledge necessary for  
13 teaching in the appropriate endorsement areas, or has  
14 otherwise demonstrated to the state board of education the  
15 subject matter knowledge necessary for teaching in the  
16 appropriate endorsement areas and in a manner prescribed by  
17 the state board of education; and

18 (D) Agrees to participate fully in the alternative  
19 teacher program provided by the school district or districts,  
20 board of cooperative services, or accredited independent  
21 school serving as the employing agent.

22 (II) Such alternative teacher licensees shall not be  
23 used to replace regularly licensed teachers in any action  
24 resulting from a contract dispute.

25 (III) An alternative teacher license shall be valid in  
26 any school district, board of cooperative services, or

1 accredited independent school which provides an alternative  
2 teacher program and shall entitle its holder to work  
3 exclusively as an alternative teacher pursuant to the terms of  
4 an alternative teacher contract. Any alternative teacher  
5 license issued pursuant to this paragraph (a) shall be valid  
6 for a period of one year after the date of issuance.

7 (b) Provisional teacher license. (I) The department of  
8 education, in its discretion, may issue a provisional teacher  
9 license to any applicant who:

10 (A) Holds an earned baccalaureate degree from an  
11 accepted institution of higher education;

12 (B) Has completed an approved program of preparation for  
13 teachers or an alternative teacher program;

14 (C) Has demonstrated professional competencies in  
15 subject areas as specified by rule and regulation of the state  
16 board of education pursuant to section 22-60.5-203.

17 (II) A provisional teacher license shall be valid in any  
18 school district or districts or board of cooperative services  
19 which provides an approved induction program for teachers.  
20 Any provisional license issued pursuant to this paragraph (b)  
21 shall be valid for a period of three years after the date of  
22 issuance and is renewable only once for an additional period  
23 of three years.

24 (c) Professional teacher license. (I) Except as  
25 otherwise provided in section 22-60.5-113, the department of  
26 education may, in its discretion, issue a professional teacher

1 license to any applicant who:

2 (A) Holds a valid provisional teacher license;

3 (B) Has completed an approved induction program and has  
4 been recommended for licensure by the school district or  
5 districts or the board of cooperative services which provided  
6 such induction program.

7 (II) (A) Except as otherwise provided in  
8 sub-subparagraph (B) of this subparagraph (II), any  
9 professional teacher license issued pursuant to this paragraph  
10 (c) shall be valid for a period of five years after the date  
11 of issuance and is renewable at its expiration as provided in  
12 section 22-60.5-110.

13 (B) Any professional teacher license issued pursuant to  
14 this paragraph (c) which is held in conjunction with a master  
15 certificate pursuant to section 22-60.5-202 shall be valid for  
16 a period of seven years after the date of issuance and is  
17 renewable as provided in section 22-60.5-110.

18 (2) The state board of education is authorized to  
19 establish, by rule and regulation, such other requirements for  
20 licenses specified in subsection (1) of this section as it  
21 deems necessary to maintain and improve the quality of  
22 education instructional programs in the public schools of this  
23 state.

24 (3) The department of education may, at its discretion,  
25 issue a provisional teacher license provided for in paragraph  
26 (b) of subsection (1) of this section to any applicant from

1 another state or country whose qualifications meet or exceed  
2 the standards of the state board of education for the issuance  
3 of a provisional teacher license.

4 (4) The state board of education is authorized to enter  
5 into interstate reciprocal agreements in which the department  
6 of education agrees to issue provisional teacher licenses to  
7 persons licensed to teach in another state.

8 (5) No license shall be issued pursuant to the  
9 provisions of this section prior to July 1, 1994.

10 22-60.5-202. Professional teacher licensees - master  
11 certification. The department of education may, in its  
12 discretion, issue a master certificate to any applicant who  
13 holds a valid professional teacher license and who meets the  
14 criteria for master certification as specified by rule and  
15 regulation of the state board of education. Master  
16 certification shall recognize those professional teacher  
17 licensees who are involved in on-going professional  
18 development and training and who have advanced competencies or  
19 expertise or who have demonstrated outstanding achievements.  
20 Any master certificate issued pursuant to this section shall  
21 be valid for the period of time for which the applicant's  
22 professional teacher license is valid and is renewable at its  
23 expiration. No master certificate shall be issued pursuant to  
24 the provisions of this section prior to July 1, 1994.

25 22-60.5-203. Assessment of professional competencies.  
26 (1) The state board of education shall, by rule and

1 regulation, establish areas of knowledge in which provisional  
2 and professional teacher licensees shall possess a  
3 satisfactory level of proficiency.

4 (2) The following list of areas of knowledge is a  
5 guideline to be used by the state board of education and shall  
6 not be construed as inclusive or prescriptive:

- 7 (a) Basic skills of reading, writing, and mathematics;
- 8 (b) The subject matter area to be taught;
- 9 (c) Communication and human relations;
- 10 (d) Assessment of student needs and progress;
- 11 (e) Identification and fulfillment of the needs of  
12 exceptional children;
- 13 (f) Knowledge of human growth and development; and
- 14 (g) Classroom management and teaching strategies.

15 (3) The department of education shall develop and  
16 administer, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the state  
17 board of education, a system for the assessment of such  
18 professional competencies of applicants for provisional  
19 teacher licenses and of professional teacher licensees.

20 22-60.5-204. Approved induction program - provisional  
21 teacher licensee. (1) Any approved induction program of a  
22 school district or districts or a board of cooperative  
23 services for provisional teacher licensees shall include, but  
24 shall not be limited to, supervision by mentor teachers,  
25 on-going professional development and training, including  
26 ethics, and performance evaluations. Such school district or

1 districts or such board of cooperative services may enter into  
2 agreements with accepted institutions of higher education in  
3 regard to the organization, management, and operation of an  
4 approved induction program, or any portion thereof.  
5 Performance evaluations shall be conducted in accordance with  
6 section 22-9-106; however, the state board of education may  
7 provide by rule and regulation for performance evaluations by  
8 mentor teachers.

9 (2) The approved induction program of any individual  
10 provisional teacher licensee may be extended if deemed  
11 necessary by the school district or districts or the board of  
12 cooperative services providing such program; however, such  
13 program shall not exceed a maximum of three years.

14 22-60.5-205. Alternative teacher programs - duties of  
15 department of education. (1) Any alternative teacher program  
16 shall include, but shall not be limited to, supervision by  
17 mentor teachers, performance evaluations, and two hundred  
18 twenty-five clock hours of planned instruction and activities,  
19 which shall include training in dropout prevention; except  
20 that the total amount of hours of planned instruction and  
21 activities may be modified by the alternative teacher support  
22 team for any alternative teacher based upon the  
23 qualifications, knowledge, and experience of such alternative  
24 teacher. Performance evaluations shall be conducted in  
25 accordance with section 22-9-106; however, the state board of  
26 education may provide by rule and regulation for performance

1 evaluations by mentor teachers.

2 (2) The department of education shall:

3 (a) Provide technical assistance to all school  
4 districts, boards of cooperative services, and accredited  
5 independent schools as is necessary to implement the  
6 provisions of this section;

7 (b) Review and submit to the state board of education  
8 for approval all applications made by designated agencies to  
9 provide alternative teacher programs;

10 (c) Evaluate approved alternative teacher programs  
11 pursuant to criteria established by rule and regulation by the  
12 state board of education.

13 (3) The state board of education shall, at its  
14 discretion, approve the application of a designated agency  
15 seeking to provide an alternative teacher program. Such  
16 applications shall meet the requirements of this section and  
17 any rules and regulations established by the state board of  
18 education. The state board of education is authorized to  
19 resolve, at the request of any designated agency, any  
20 differences which may arise between school districts, boards  
21 of cooperative services, accredited independent schools, and  
22 accepted institutions of higher education in such designated  
23 agency. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the state  
24 board of education is authorized, for good cause, to waive any  
25 requirements imposed by law regarding such participation in  
26 any designated agency which, in its discretion, it deems

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1 necessary to accomplish the purposes of this section.

2 (4) School districts, boards of cooperative services,  
 3 and accredited independent schools may charge alternative  
 4 teachers in the alternative teacher program of such school  
 5 district or districts, board of cooperative services, or  
 6 accredited independent school fees in such amount as to  
 7 generate a sufficient amount of revenues to approximate the  
 8 direct and indirect costs of such school district or  
 9 districts, board of cooperative services, or accredited  
 10 independent school for the development and administration of  
 11 such program. Any fees collected pursuant to the provisions  
 12 of this subsection (4) shall be used for the purposes set  
 13 forth in this section and shall not be expended for any other  
 14 purpose.

15 22-60.5-206. Alternative teacher support teams - duties  
 16 - advisory councils. (1) An alternative teacher support team  
 17 shall be established by the designated agency for each holder  
 18 of an alternative teacher license employed as an alternative  
 19 teacher. At a minimum, each alternative teacher support team  
 20 shall be composed of the alternative teacher's mentor teacher  
 21 and the principal, and a representative of an accepted  
 22 institution of higher education.

- 23 (2) The alternative teacher support team shall:
- 24 (a) Establish the content of the required program of  
 25 planned instruction and activities;
- 26 (b) Determine at what point in the program the

1 alternative teacher may have responsibility for classroom  
 2 instruction;

3 (c) Assure that a significant portion of the teaching  
 4 assignment of the alternative teacher is in the subject matter  
 5 area or areas of the alternative teacher's endorsement;

6 (d) Evaluate the progress and effectiveness of the  
 7 alternative teacher; and

8 (e) Make a recommendation to the school district, board  
 9 of cooperative services, or accredited independent school  
 10 which employs the alternative teacher as to the eligibility of  
 11 the alternative teacher to receive a provisional teacher  
 12 license.

13 (3) As a member of an alternative teacher support team,  
 14 the mentor teacher has primary responsibility for representing  
 15 the faculty and parents in evaluating and making  
 16 recommendations regarding the issuance of a provisional  
 17 teacher license to the alternative teacher. In recognition of  
 18 the significant duties and responsibilities of mentor  
 19 teachers, the designating school district, board of  
 20 cooperative services, or accredited independent school shall  
 21 make appropriate provision as is necessary to ensure the  
 22 proper discharge of such duties and responsibilities by such  
 23 mentor teacher.

24 (4) In addition, for purposes of carrying out any  
 25 alternative teacher program approved by the state board of  
 26 education, any designated agency shall establish an advisory

1 council which shall include, at a minimum, representatives of  
2 each school district, board of cooperative services, or  
3 accredited independent school, including at least one mentor  
4 teacher, and a representative of any accepted institution of  
5 higher education in such designated agency.

6 22-60.5-207. Alternative teacher contracts.

7 (1) Alternative teacher contracts may include, but are not  
8 limited to, terms and conditions which:

9 (a) Differ from any terms and conditions of contracts of  
10 such school district, board of cooperative services, or  
11 accredited independent school for first year employees who are  
12 licensed other than as alternative teachers;

13 (b) Define those conditions unique to the  
14 responsibilities and duties of an alternative teacher and the  
15 alternative teacher program of such school district, board of  
16 cooperative services, or accredited independent school;

17 (c) Establish the right of the employing school  
18 district, board of cooperative services, or accredited  
19 independent school to terminate such alternative teacher  
20 contract at any time during the first three months of  
21 employment; however, such action shall be taken only after  
22 consideration of a recommendation of the alternative teacher  
23 support team for such alternative teacher and shall not be  
24 subject to appeal by such alternative teacher.

25 22-60.5-208. Minority alternative teachers - fellowship  
26 program - minority alternative teacher fund - created.

1 (1) The department of education shall award minority  
2 alternative teacher fellowships to the most promising new  
3 minority alternative teachers who are residents of Colorado  
4 and who are participating in alternative teacher programs.  
5 Such fellowships are to assist such minority alternative  
6 teachers with the costs involved with their participation in  
7 alternative teacher programs. The amount of each individual  
8 fellowship awarded shall be one thousand five hundred dollars  
9 and shall be from moneys in the minority alternative teacher  
10 fund created in subsection (2) of this section.

11 (2) The department of education is authorized to accept  
12 any bequests, gifts, and grants received to be used for the  
13 purposes of this section and such bequests, gifts, and grants  
14 shall be credited to the minority alternative teacher fund,  
15 which fund is hereby created. The moneys in said fund shall  
16 be subject to annual appropriation by the general assembly to  
17 the department of education for the recruitment of minority  
18 persons to apply for alternative teacher licenses and to  
19 participate in alternative teacher programs and for the  
20 awarding of minority alternative teacher fellowships pursuant  
21 to subsection (1) of this section.

22 22-60.5-209. Department of education - report to general

23 assembly. (1) The department of education shall submit an  
24 oral and written report to the house and senate education  
25 committees of the general assembly in January of each year on  
26 the implementation and effectiveness of alternative teacher

1 licenses and alternative teacher programs. Such annual report  
2 shall include, but is not limited to, the following  
3 information:

4 (a) The number of school districts, boards of  
5 cooperative services, and accredited independent schools which  
6 have alternative teacher programs;

7 (b) The number of persons who applied for employment as  
8 alternative teachers with school districts, boards of  
9 cooperative services, and accredited independent schools  
10 having alternative teacher programs and the number of such  
11 applicants actually employed as alternative teachers in such  
12 alternative teacher programs;

13 (c) The number of alternative teacher licenses issued by  
14 the department of education;

15 (d) The number of alternative teachers who successfully  
16 completed alternative teacher programs, who were recommended  
17 for licensure by a school district, a board of cooperative  
18 services, or an accredited independent school, and to whom a  
19 provisional teacher license was issued by the department of  
20 education;

21 (e) The quality of alternative teachers specified in  
22 paragraph (d) of this subsection (1), as indicated by  
23 performance evaluations conducted pursuant to the rules and  
24 regulations of the state board of education;

25 (f) The rate of attrition of alternative teachers to  
26 whom a provisional teacher license has been issued by the

1 department of education as compared to the rate of attrition  
2 of teachers who were not alternative teachers to whom a  
3 provisional teacher license has been issued;

4 (g) The costs incurred by the state of Colorado in the  
5 preparation of individuals eligible to become alternative  
6 teachers and to become qualified for issuance of provisional  
7 teacher licenses and the costs incurred by the state of  
8 Colorado in the preparation of individuals, other than  
9 alternative teachers, to become qualified for issuance of  
10 provisional teacher licenses; such costs shall include, but  
11 shall not be limited to, the costs incurred in providing  
12 curriculum and approved programs of teacher preparation at  
13 accepted institutions of higher education;

14 (h) The results of any recruitment of minority persons  
15 to become alternative teachers, including, but not limited to,  
16 the manner in which such minority recruitment occurred and the  
17 number of persons successfully recruited;

18 (i) The number of minority alternative teachers who were  
19 awarded minority alternative teacher fellowships pursuant to  
20 section 22-60.5-208 (1).

21 (2) The department of education is authorized to request  
22 from school districts, boards of cooperative services,  
23 accredited independent schools, and accepted institutions of  
24 higher education such information and data as may be necessary  
25 to make such reports.

26 22-60.5-210. Teacher professional standards board -



1 creation - membership. (1) There is hereby created, within  
2 the department of education, the teacher professional  
3 standards board which shall consist of nine members appointed  
4 by the state board of education. Members of the board shall  
5 be appointed for terms of five years; except that no person  
6 shall be appointed to serve more than two consecutive terms.

7 (2) (a) Four members of the board shall be licensed  
8 teachers.

9 (b) Two members of the board shall be licensed  
10 principals.

11 (c) Two members of the board shall be members of the  
12 general public who are not licensed teachers, licensed  
13 principals, licensed administrators, or licensed special  
14 services providers, one of which shall be the parent of a  
15 child currently attending public school in Colorado.

16 (d) One member of the board shall be a faculty member of  
17 the school of education of an accepted institution of higher  
18 education with an approved program of preparation for  
19 teachers.

20 (3) Any member of the board may be removed at any time  
21 at the pleasure of the state board of education. If any  
22 member of the board vacates his office, a vacancy on the board  
23 shall exist, and the state board of education shall fill such  
24 vacancy by appointment.

25 (4) Members of the board shall receive the same per diem  
26 compensation and reimbursement of expenses as those provided

1 for members of boards and commissions in the division of  
2 registrations pursuant to section 24-34-102 (13), C.R.S.

3 (5) The department of education shall provide such  
4 office space, equipment, and staff services to the board as is  
5 necessary for the board to carry out its powers and duties as  
6 set forth in this article.

7 (6) (a) The term "licensed", as it appears in this  
8 section, shall include any person certificated pursuant to the  
9 provisions of article 60 of this title.

10 (b) This subsection (6) is repealed, effective July 1,  
11 1999.

12 22-60.5-211. Powers and duties of the teacher  
13 professional standards board. (1) In addition to any other  
14 powers and duties conferred upon the teacher professional  
15 standards board, said board shall have the following powers  
16 and duties:

17 (a) To study, develop, and make recommendations to the  
18 state board of education regarding the following:

19 (I) Criteria for the issuance of alternative teacher  
20 licenses;

21 (II) Criteria for the approval by the state board of  
22 education of any proposed alternative teacher program;

23 (III) Procedures and criteria for the evaluation of  
24 approved alternative teacher programs by the department of  
25 education;

26 (IV) Criteria for the issuance and renewal of

1 provisional teacher licenses;

2 (V) Standards for a system for the assessment of  
3 professional competencies of applicants for provisional  
4 teacher licenses;

5 (VI) Criteria for the approval by the state board of  
6 education of any proposed programs of preparation for  
7 teachers, including, but not limited to, admission standards  
8 and exit requirements for such programs of preparation, field  
9 experience, active recruitment of students with diverse  
10 backgrounds due to culture, race, ethnicity, and gender, and  
11 training for teaching multiethnic and multicultural student  
12 populations;

13 (VII) Procedures and criteria for the evaluation of  
14 approved programs of preparation for teachers by the  
15 department of education, including, but not limited to,  
16 admission standards and exit requirements for such approved  
17 programs of preparation, field experience, active recruitment  
18 of students with diverse backgrounds due to culture, race,  
19 ethnicity, and gender, and training for teaching multiethnic  
20 and multicultural student populations;

21 (VIII) Criteria for the approval by the state board of  
22 education of any proposed induction programs for provisional  
23 teacher licensees, including, but not limited to, designation  
24 of mentor teachers;

25 (IX) Procedures and criteria for the evaluation of  
26 approved induction programs for provisional teacher licensees,

1 including, but not limited to, designation of mentor teachers;

2 (X) Standards for endorsements of alternative,  
3 provisional, and professional teacher licenses;

4 (XI) Criteria for the issuance and renewal of  
5 professional teacher licenses;

6 (XII) Guidelines and standards for the establishment of  
7 professional development plans for professional teacher  
8 licensees;

9 (XIII) Standards for professional teacher licensees to  
10 obtain master certification;

11 (XIV) Criteria for the suspension or revocation of  
12 teachers' licenses, certificates, endorsements, or  
13 authorizations on the grounds of professional incompetence or  
14 unethical behavior;

15 (b) Upon appointment by the state board of education:

16 (I) To preside at hearings on the denial, annulment,  
17 suspension, or revocation of any license, certificate,  
18 endorsement, or authorization for any teacher and to issue  
19 decisions regarding such proceedings; or

20 (II) To appoint, in its discretion, administrative law  
21 judges to preside at hearings on the denial, annulment,  
22 suspension, or revocation of any license, certificate,  
23 endorsement, or authorization for any teacher and to issue  
24 decisions regarding such proceedings upon consideration of the  
25 written findings of such administrative law judges.

26 (2) Any recommendations made by the teacher professional

1 standards board pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of  
2 this section shall be carefully considered by the state board  
3 of education. The state board of education may refer any  
4 recommendation back to the teacher professional standards  
5 board for further review and discussion.

6 PART 3

7 PRINCIPALS

8 22-60.5-301. Types of principal licenses issued - term.

9 (1) The department of education is designated as the sole  
10 agency authorized to issue the following principal licenses to  
11 persons of good moral character:

12 (a) Provisional principal license. (I) The department  
13 of education, in its discretion, may issue a provisional  
14 principal license to any applicant who:

15 (A) Holds an earned baccalaureate degree from an  
16 accepted institution of higher education;

17 (B) Has completed an approved program of preparation for  
18 principals;

19 (C) Has completed three or more years of successful  
20 teaching experience in a public or nonpublic elementary or  
21 secondary school;

22 (D) Has demonstrated professional competencies in  
23 subject areas as specified by rule and regulation of the state  
24 board of education pursuant to section 22-60.5-303.

25 (II) A provisional principal license shall be valid in  
26 any school district or districts or board of cooperative

1 services which provides an approved induction program for  
2 principals. Any provisional license issued pursuant to this  
3 paragraph (a) shall be valid for a period of three years after  
4 the date of issuance and is renewable only once for an  
5 additional period of three years.

6 (b) Professional principal license. (I) Except as  
7 otherwise provided in section 22-60.5-113, the department of  
8 education may, in its discretion, issue a professional  
9 principal license to any applicant who:

10 (A) Holds a valid provisional principal license; and

11 (B) Has completed an approved induction program for  
12 principals and has been recommended for licensure by the  
13 school district or districts or the board of cooperative  
14 services which provided such induction program.

15 (II) (A) Except as otherwise provided in  
16 sub-subparagraph (B) of this subparagraph (II), any  
17 professional principal license issued pursuant to this  
18 paragraph (b) shall be valid for a period of five years after  
19 the date of issuance and is renewable as provided in section  
20 22-60.5-110.

21 (B) Any professional principal license issued pursuant  
22 to this paragraph (b) which is held in conjunction with a  
23 master certificate pursuant to section 22-60.5-302 shall be  
24 valid for a period of seven years after the date of issuance  
25 and is renewable as provided in section 22-60.5-110.

26 (2) The state board of education is authorized to

1 establish, by rule and regulation, such other requirements for  
2 licenses specified in subsection (1) of this section as it  
3 deems necessary to maintain and improve the quality of  
4 administration and supervision of education instructional  
5 programs in this state.

6 (3) The department of education may, at its discretion,  
7 issue a provisional principal license provided for in  
8 paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of this section to any  
9 applicant from another state or country whose qualifications  
10 meet or exceed the standards of the state board of education  
11 for the issuance of a provisional principal license.

12 (4) The state board of education is authorized to enter  
13 into interstate reciprocal agreements in which the department  
14 of education agrees to issue provisional principal licenses to  
15 persons licensed as principals in other states.

16 (5) No license shall be issued pursuant to the  
17 provisions of this section prior to July 1, 1994.

18 22-60.5-302. Professional principal licensees - master  
19 certification. The department of education may, in its  
20 discretion, issue a master certificate to any applicant who  
21 holds a valid professional principal license and who meets the  
22 criteria for master certification as specified by rule and  
23 regulation of the state board of education. Master  
24 certification shall recognize those professional principal  
25 licensees who are involved in on-going professional  
26 development and training and who have advanced competencies or

1 expertise or who have demonstrated outstanding achievements.  
2 Any master certificate issued pursuant to this section shall  
3 be valid for the period of time for which the applicant's  
4 professional principal license is valid and is renewable at  
5 its expiration. No master certification shall be issued  
6 pursuant to the provisions of this section prior to July 1,  
7 1994.

8 22-60.5-303. Assessment of professional competencies.

9 (1) The state board of education shall, by rule and  
10 regulation, establish areas of knowledge in which provisional  
11 and professional principal licensees shall possess a  
12 satisfactory level of proficiency.

13 (2) The following list of areas of knowledge is a  
14 guideline to be used by the state board of education and shall  
15 not be construed as inclusive or prescriptive:

- 16 (a) Leadership;
- 17 (b) Communication and human relations;
- 18 (c) Instruction, including curriculum, design, and
- 19 assessment;
- 20 (d) Problem solving and decision making;
- 21 (e) Management, including planning, organization, and
- 22 administration;
- 23 (f) Personnel administration, including staff
- 24 development and evaluation; and
- 25 (g) Child growth and development.

26 (3) The department of education shall develop and

1 administer, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the state  
2 board of education, a system for the assessment of such  
3 professional competencies of applicants for provisional  
4 principal licenses and of professional principal licensees.

5 22-60.5-304. Approved induction programs - provisional  
6 principal licensees. Any approved induction program of a  
7 school district or districts or a board of cooperative  
8 services for provisional principal licensees shall include,  
9 but shall not be limited to, supervision by mentor principals,  
10 on-going professional development and training, including  
11 ethics, and performance evaluations. Such school district or  
12 districts or such board of cooperative services may enter into  
13 agreements with accepted institutions of higher education in  
14 regard to the organization, management, and operation of an  
15 approved induction program, or any portion thereof.  
16 Performance evaluations shall be conducted in accordance with  
17 section 22-9-106; however, the state board of education may  
18 provide by rule and regulation for performance evaluations by  
19 mentor principals.

20 22-60.5-305. Condition for approval of programs of  
21 preparation for principals - principal academies. On and after  
22 July 1, 1994, as a condition for approval by the state board  
23 of education of any program of preparation for principals, the  
24 accepted institution of higher education shall develop and  
25 provide principal academies at various locations throughout  
26 the state during each year. Such principal academies shall be

1 programs of study and training for principal preparation which  
2 meet the standards of the state board of education. Approved  
3 induction programs for provisional principal licensees and  
4 professional development plans of professional principal  
5 licensees may include, as part of such program or plan, the  
6 satisfactory completion of such principal academies.

7 22-60.5-306. Licensed principals - occasional teaching.  
8 Any principal who holds a valid provisional or professional  
9 principal license pursuant to this part 3 and who, on  
10 occasion, functions as a teacher shall not be required to hold  
11 a valid provisional or professional teacher license pursuant  
12 to part 2 of this article. The state board of education shall  
13 establish, by rule and regulation, what constitutes occasional  
14 teaching for purposes of this section.

15 22-60.5-307. Principal professional standards board -  
16 creation - membership. (1) There is hereby created, within  
17 the department of education, the principal professional  
18 standards board which shall consist of nine members appointed  
19 by the state board of education. Members of the board shall  
20 be appointed for terms of five years; except that no person  
21 shall be appointed to serve more than two consecutive terms.

22 (2) (a) Four members of the board shall be licensed  
23 principals.

24 (b) Two members of the board shall be licensed teachers.

25 (c) Two members of the board shall be members of the  
26 general public who are not licensed teachers, licensed

1 principals, licensed administrators, or licensed special  
2 services providers, one of which is the parent of a child  
3 currently attending public school in Colorado.

4 (d) One member of the board shall be a faculty member of  
5 the school of education of an accepted institution of higher  
6 education with an approved program of preparation for  
7 principals.

8 (3) Any member of the board may be removed at any time  
9 at the pleasure of the state board of education. If any  
10 member of the board vacates his office, a vacancy on the board  
11 shall exist, and the state board of education shall fill such  
12 vacancy by appointment.

13 (4) Members of the board shall receive the same per diem  
14 compensation and reimbursement of expenses as those provided  
15 for members of boards and commissions in the division of  
16 registrations pursuant to section 24-34-102 (13), C.R.S.

17 (5) The department of education shall provide such  
18 office space, equipment, and staff services to the board as is  
19 necessary for the board to carry out its powers and duties as  
20 set forth in this article.

21 (6) (a) The term "licensed", as it appears in this  
22 section, shall include any person certificated pursuant to the  
23 provisions of article 60 of this title.

24 (b) This subsection (6) is repealed, effective July 1,  
25 1999.

26 22-60.5-308. Powers and duties of the principal

1 professional standards board. (1) In addition to any other  
2 powers and duties conferred upon the principal professional  
3 standards board, said board shall have the following powers  
4 and duties:

5 (a) To study, develop, and make recommendations to the  
6 state board of education regarding the following:

7 (I) Criteria for the issuance and renewal of provisional  
8 principal licenses;

9 (II) Standards for a system for the assessment of  
10 professional competencies of applicants for provisional  
11 principal licenses;

12 (III) Criteria for the approval by the state board of  
13 education of any proposed program of preparation for  
14 principals, including, but not limited to, admission standards  
15 and exit requirements for such programs of preparation, field  
16 experience, active recruitment of students with diverse  
17 backgrounds due to culture, race, ethnicity, and gender, and  
18 training for teaching multiethnic and multicultural student  
19 populations;

20 (IV) Procedures and criteria for the evaluation of  
21 approved principal preparation programs by the department of  
22 education, including, but not limited to, admission standards  
23 and exit requirements for such preparation programs, field  
24 experience, active recruitment of students with diverse  
25 backgrounds due to culture, race, ethnicity, and gender, and  
26 training for teaching multiethnic and multicultural student

1 populations;

2 (V) Criteria for the approval by the state board of  
3 education of any proposed induction programs for provisional  
4 principal licensees, including, but not limited to,  
5 designation of mentor principals;

6 (VI) Procedures and criteria for the evaluation of  
7 approved induction programs for provisional principal  
8 licensees, including, but not limited to, designation of  
9 mentor principals;

10 (VII) Standards for endorsements of provisional and  
11 professional principal licenses;

12 (VIII) Criteria for the issuance and renewal of  
13 professional principal licenses;

14 (IX) Guidelines and standards for the establishment of  
15 professional development plans for professional principal  
16 licensees;

17 (X) Standards for professional principal licensees to  
18 obtain master certification;

19 (XI) Criteria for the suspension or revocation of  
20 principals' licenses, certificates, endorsements, or  
21 authorizations on the grounds of professional incompetence or  
22 unethical behavior;

23 (b) Upon appointment by the state board of education:

24 (I) To preside at hearings on the denial, annulment,  
25 suspension, or revocation of any license, certificate,  
26 endorsement, or authorization for any principal and to issue

1 decisions regarding such proceedings; or

2 (II) To appoint, in its discretion, administrative law  
3 judges to preside at hearings on the denial, annulment,  
4 suspension, or revocation of any license, certificate,  
5 endorsement, or authorization for any principal and to issue  
6 decisions regarding such proceedings upon consideration of the  
7 written findings of such administrative law judges.

8 (2) Any recommendations made by the principal  
9 professional standards board pursuant to paragraph (a) of  
10 subsection (1) of this section shall be carefully considered  
11 by the state board of education. The state board of education  
12 may refer any recommendation back to the principal  
13 professional standards board for further review and  
14 discussion.

15 PART 4

16 ADMINISTRATORS

17 22-60.5-401. Types of administrator licenses issued -  
18 term. (1) The department of education is designated as the  
19 sole agency authorized to issue the following types of  
20 administrator licenses to persons of good moral character:

21 (a) Provisional administrator license. (I) The  
22 department of education, in its discretion, may issue a  
23 provisional administrator license to any applicant who:

24 (A) Holds an earned baccalaureate degree from an  
25 accepted institution of higher education;

26 (B) Has completed an approved program of preparation for

1 administrators;

2 (C) Has demonstrated professional competencies in  
3 subject areas as specified by rule and regulation of the state  
4 board of education pursuant to section 22-60.5-403.

5 (II) A provisional administrator license shall be valid  
6 in any school district or districts or board of cooperative  
7 services which provides an approved induction program for  
8 administrators. Any provisional administrator license issued  
9 pursuant to this paragraph (a) shall be valid for a period of  
10 three years after the date of issuance and is renewable only  
11 once for an additional period of three years.

12 (b) Professional administrator license. (I) Except as  
13 otherwise provided in section 22-60.5-113, the department of  
14 education may, in its discretion, issue a professional  
15 administrator license to any applicant who:

16 (A) Holds a valid provisional administrator license; and

17 (B) Has completed an approved induction program for  
18 administrators and has been recommended for licensure by the  
19 school district or districts or the board of cooperative  
20 services which provided such induction program.

21 (II) (A) Except as otherwise provided in  
22 sub-subparagraph (B) of this subparagraph (II), any  
23 professional administrator license issued pursuant to this  
24 paragraph (b) shall be valid for a period of five years after  
25 the date of issuance and is renewable as provided in section  
26 22-60.5-110.

1 (B) Any professional administrator license issued  
2 pursuant to this paragraph (b) which is held in conjunction  
3 with a master certificate pursuant to section 22-60.5-402  
4 shall be valid for a period of seven years after the date of  
5 issuance and is renewable as provided in section 22-60.5-110.

6 (2) The state board of education is authorized to  
7 establish, by rule and regulation, such other requirements for  
8 licenses specified in subsection (1) of this section as it  
9 deems necessary to maintain and improve the quality of  
10 administration and supervision of education instructional  
11 programs.

12 (3) The department of education may, at its discretion,  
13 issue a provisional administrator license provided for in  
14 paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of this section to any  
15 applicant from another state or country whose qualifications  
16 meet or exceed the standards of the state board of education  
17 for the issuance of a provisional administrator license.

18 (4) The state board of education is authorized to enter  
19 into interstate reciprocal agreements in which the department  
20 of education agrees to issue provisional administrator  
21 licenses to persons licensed as administrators in another  
22 state.

23 (5) No license shall be issued pursuant to the  
24 provisions of this section prior to July 1, 1994.

25 22-60.5-402. Professional administrator licensees -  
26 master certification. The department of education may, in its



1 discretion, issue a master certificate to any applicant who  
 2 holds a valid professional administrator license and who meets  
 3 the criteria for master certification as specified by rule and  
 4 regulation of the state board of education. Master  
 5 certification shall recognize those professional administrator  
 6 licensees who are involved in on-going professional  
 7 development and training and who have advanced competencies or  
 8 expertise or who have demonstrated outstanding achievements.  
 9 Any master certificate issued pursuant to this section shall  
 10 be valid for the period of time for which the applicant's  
 11 professional administrator license is valid and is renewable  
 12 at its expiration. No master certificate shall be issued  
 13 pursuant to the provisions of this section prior to July 1,  
 14 1994.

15 22-60.5-403. Assessment of professional competencies.

16 (1) The state board of education shall, by rule and  
 17 regulation, establish areas of knowledge in which provisional  
 18 and professional administrator licensees shall possess a  
 19 satisfactory level of proficiency.

20 (2) The following list of areas of knowledge is a  
 21 guideline to be used by the state board of education and shall  
 22 not be construed as inclusive or prescriptive:

- 23 (a) Basic management;
- 24 (b) Leadership;
- 25 (c) Decision making and problem solving;
- 26 (d) Communication and human relations;

- 1 (e) Personnel administration;
  - 2 (f) Resource utilization; and
  - 3 (g) Child growth and development.
- 4 (3) The department of education shall develop and  
 5 administer, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the state  
 6 board of education, a system for the assessment of such  
 7 professional competencies of applicants for provisional  
 8 administrator licenses and of professional administrator  
 9 licensees.
- 10 22-60.5-404. Approved induction programs - provisional  
 11 administrator licensees. (1) Any approved induction program  
 12 of a school district or districts or a board of cooperative  
 13 services for provisional principal licensees shall include,  
 14 but shall not be limited to, supervision by mentor  
 15 administrators, on-going professional development and  
 16 training, including ethics, and performance evaluations. Such  
 17 school district or districts or such board of cooperative  
 18 services may enter into agreements with accepted institutions  
 19 of higher education in regard to the organization, management,  
 20 and operation of an approved induction program, or any portion  
 21 thereof. Performance evaluations shall be conducted in  
 22 accordance with section 22-9-106; however, the state board of  
 23 education may provide by rule and regulation for performance  
 24 evaluations by mentor administrators.
- 25 (2) The approved induction program of any provisional  
 26 administrator licensee may be extended if deemed necessary by

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1 the school district or districts or the board of cooperative  
2 services providing such program; however, such program shall  
3 not be extended so that such program exceeds three years.

4 22-60.5-405. Administrator professional standards board  
5 - creation - membership. (1) There is hereby created, within  
6 the department of education, the administrator professional  
7 standards board which shall consist of nine members appointed  
8 by the state board of education. Members of the board shall  
9 be appointed for terms of five years; except that no person  
10 shall be appointed to serve more than two consecutive terms.

11 (2) (a) Four members of the board shall be licensed  
12 administrators.

13 (b) One member of the board shall be a licensed teacher.

14 (c) One member of the board shall be a licensed  
15 principal.

16 (d) Two members of the board shall be members of the  
17 general public who are not licensed teachers, licensed  
18 principals, licensed administrators, or licensed special  
19 services providers, one of which shall be the parent of a  
20 child currently attending public school in Colorado.

21 (e) One member of the board shall be a faculty member of  
22 the school of education of an accepted institution of higher  
23 education with an approved program of preparation for  
24 administrators.

25 (3) Any member of the board may be removed at any time  
26 at the pleasure of the state board of education. If any

1 member of the board vacates his office, a vacancy on the board  
2 shall exist, and the state board of education shall fill such  
3 vacancy by appointment.

4 (4) Members of the board shall receive the same per diem  
5 compensation and reimbursement of expenses as those provided  
6 for members of boards and commissions in the division of  
7 registrations pursuant to section 24-34-102 (13), C.R.S.

8 (5) The department of education shall provide such  
9 office space, equipment, and staff services to the board as is  
10 necessary for the board to carry out its powers and duties as  
11 set forth in this article.

12 (6) (a) The term "licensed", as it appears in this  
13 section, shall include any person certificated pursuant to the  
14 provisions of article 60 of this title.

15 (b) This subsection (6) is repealed, effective July 1,  
16 1999.

17 22-60.5-406. Powers and duties of the administrator  
18 professional standards board. (1) In addition to any other  
19 powers and duties conferred upon the administrator  
20 professional standards board, said board shall have the  
21 following powers and duties:

22 (a) To study, develop, and make recommendations to the  
23 state board of education regarding the following:

24 (I) Criteria for the issuance and renewal of provisional  
25 administrator licenses;

26 (II) Standards for a system for the assessment of

1 professional competencies of applicants for provisional  
2 administrator licenses;

3 (III) Criteria for the approval by the state board of  
4 education of any proposed preparation programs for  
5 administrators, including, but not limited to, admission  
6 standards and exit requirements for such preparation programs,  
7 field experience, active recruitment of students with diverse  
8 backgrounds due to culture, race, ethnicity, and gender, and  
9 training for teaching multiethnic and multicultural student  
10 populations;

11 (IV) Procedures and criteria for the evaluation of  
12 approved administrator preparation programs by the department  
13 of education, including, but not limited to, admission  
14 standards and exit requirements for such preparation programs,  
15 field experience, active recruitment of students with diverse  
16 backgrounds due to culture, race, ethnicity, and gender, and  
17 training for teaching multiethnic and multicultural student  
18 populations;

19 (V) Criteria for the approval by the state board of  
20 education of any proposed induction programs for provisional  
21 administrator licensees, including, but not limited to,  
22 designation of mentor administrators;

23 (VI) Procedures and criteria for the evaluation of  
24 approved induction programs for provisional administrator  
25 licensees, including, but not limited to, designation of  
26 mentor administrators;

1 (VII) Standards for endorsements of provisional and  
2 professional administrator licenses;

3 (VIII) Criteria for the issuance and renewal of  
4 professional administrator licenses;

5 (IX) Guidelines and standards for the establishment of  
6 professional development plans for professional administrator  
7 licensees;

8 (X) Standards for professional administrator licensees  
9 to obtain master certification;

10 (XI) Criteria for the suspension or revocation of  
11 administrators' licenses, certificates, endorsements, or  
12 authorizations on the grounds of professional incompetence or  
13 unethical behavior;

14 (b) Upon appointment by the state board of education:

15 (1) To preside at hearings on the denial, annulment,  
16 suspension, or revocation of any license, certificate,  
17 endorsement, or authorization for any administrator and to  
18 issue decisions regarding such proceedings; or

19 (II) To appoint, in its discretion, administrative law  
20 judges to preside at hearings on the denial, annulment,  
21 suspension, or revocation of any license, certificate,  
22 endorsement, or authorization for any administrator and to  
23 issue decisions regarding such proceedings upon consideration  
24 of the written findings of such administrative law judges.

25 (2) Any recommendations made by the administrator  
26 professional standards board pursuant to paragraph (a) of

1 subsection (1) of this section shall be carefully considered  
2 by the state board of education. The state board of education  
3 may refer any recommendation back to the administrator  
4 professional standards board for further review and  
5 discussion.

6 PART 5

7 SPECIAL SERVICES PROVIDERS

8 22-60.5-501. Types of special services licenses issued -  
9 term. (1) The department of education is designated as the  
10 sole agency authorized to issue the following types of special  
11 services licenses to persons of good moral character:

12 (a) Provisional special services license. (I) The  
13 department of education, in its discretion, may issue a  
14 provisional special services license to any applicant who:

15 (A) Has been awarded an appropriate degree from an  
16 institution of higher education;

17 (B) Has met the standards of the state board of  
18 education concerning academic and professional preparation and  
19 experience and performance in one of the following special  
20 service areas in the public schools: School audiologist,  
21 occupational therapist, physical therapist, school nurse,  
22 speech correctionist, school psychologist, guidance counselor,  
23 school social worker, or peripatologist and such other special  
24 service areas as the state board of education may deem to be  
25 necessary. However, a guidance counselor shall be required to  
26 have two years' teaching experience or recent comparable work

1 experience employing counseling skills as a major work  
2 assignment in a professional work setting, including, but not  
3 limited to, a school setting, and which may be substantiated  
4 by evidence of such work experience completed under the  
5 supervision of a person competent to evaluate such  
6 professional performance or by any other relevant  
7 competencies.

8 (C) Has demonstrated professional competencies in  
9 subject areas as specified by rule and regulation of the state  
10 board of education pursuant to section 22-60.5-503.

11 (II) A provisional special services license shall be  
12 valid in any school district or districts or board of  
13 cooperative services which provides an approved induction  
14 program for special services providers. Any provisional  
15 special services license issued pursuant to this paragraph (a)  
16 shall be valid for a period of three years after the date of  
17 issuance and is renewable only once for an additional period  
18 of three years.

19 (b) Professional special services license. (I) Except  
20 as otherwise provided in section 22-60.5-113, the department  
21 of education may, in its discretion, issue a professional  
22 special services license to any applicant who:

23 (A) Holds a valid provisional special services license;  
24 and

25 (B) Has completed an approved induction program for  
26 special services providers and has been recommended for

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1 licensure by the school district or districts or the board of  
2 cooperative services which provided such induction program.

3 (II) (A) Except as otherwise provided in  
4 sub-subparagraph (B) of this subparagraph (II), any  
5 professional special services license issued pursuant to this  
6 paragraph (b) shall be valid for a period of five years after  
7 the date of issuance and is renewable as provided in section  
8 22-60.5-110.

9 (B) Any professional special services license issued  
10 pursuant to this paragraph (b) which is held in conjunction  
11 with a master certificate pursuant to section 22-60.5-502  
12 shall be valid for a period of seven years after the date of  
13 issuance and is renewable as provided in section 22-60.5-110.

14 (2) The state board of education is authorized to  
15 establish, by rule and regulation, such other requirements for  
16 licenses specified in subsection (1) of this section as it  
17 deems necessary to maintain and improve the quality of  
18 administration and supervision of education instructional  
19 programs.

20 (3) The department of education may, at its discretion,  
21 issue a provisional special services license provided for in  
22 paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of this section to any  
23 applicant from another state or country whose qualifications  
24 meet or exceed the standards of the state board of education  
25 for the issuance of a provisional special services license.

26 (4) The state board of education is authorized to enter

1 into interstate reciprocal agreements in which the department  
2 of education agrees to issue provisional special services  
3 licenses to persons licensed as special services providers in  
4 another state.

5 (5) No license shall be issued pursuant to the  
6 provisions of this section prior to July 1, 1994.

7 22-60.5-502. Professional special services licensees -  
8 master certification. The department of education may, in its  
9 discretion, issue a master certificate to any applicant who  
10 holds a valid professional special services license and who  
11 meets the criteria for master certification as specified by  
12 rule and regulation of the state board of education. Master  
13 certification shall recognize those professional special  
14 services licensees who are involved in on-going professional  
15 development and training and who have advanced competencies or  
16 expertise or who have demonstrated outstanding achievements.  
17 Any master certificate issued pursuant to this section shall  
18 be valid for the period of time for which the applicant's  
19 professional special services license is valid and is  
20 renewable at its expiration. No master certificate shall be  
21 issued pursuant to the provisions of this section prior to  
22 July 1, 1994.

23 22-60.5-503. Assessment of professional competencies.

24 (1) The state board of education shall, by rule and  
25 regulation, establish areas of knowledge in which provisional  
26 and professional special services licensees shall possess a

1 satisfactory level of proficiency.

2 (2) The department of education shall develop and  
3 administer, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the state  
4 board of education, a system for the assessment of such  
5 professional competencies of applicants for provisional  
6 special services licenses and of professional special services  
7 licensees.

8 22-60.5-504. Approved induction programs - provisional  
9 special services licensees. (1) Any approved induction  
10 program of a school district or districts or a board of  
11 cooperative services for provisional special services  
12 licensees shall include, but shall not be limited to,  
13 supervision by mentor special services providers, on-going  
14 professional development and training, including ethics, and  
15 performance evaluations. Such school district or districts or  
16 such board of cooperative services may enter into agreements  
17 with accepted institutions of higher education in regard to  
18 the organization, management, and operation of an approved  
19 induction program, or any portion thereof. Performance  
20 evaluations shall be conducted in accordance with section  
21 22-9-106; however, the state board of education may provide by  
22 rule and regulation for performance evaluations by mentor  
23 special services providers.

24 (2) The approved induction program of any provisional  
25 special services licensee may be extended if deemed necessary  
26 by the school district or districts or the board of

1 cooperative services providing such program; however, such  
2 program shall not be extended so that such program exceeds  
3 three years.

4 22-60.5-505. Special services professional standards  
5 board - creation - membership. (1) There is hereby created,  
6 within the department of education, the special services  
7 professional standards board which shall consist of nine  
8 members appointed by the state board of education. Members of  
9 the board shall be appointed for terms of five years; except  
10 that no person shall be appointed to serve more than two  
11 consecutive terms.

12 (2) (a) Four members of the board shall be licensed  
13 special services providers.

14 (b) One member of the board shall be a licensed teacher.

15 (c) One member of the board shall be a licensed  
16 principal.

17 (d) Two members of the board shall be members of the  
18 general public who are not licensed teachers, licensed  
19 principals, licensed administrators, or licensed special  
20 services providers, one of which shall be the parent of a  
21 child currently attending public school in Colorado.

22 (e) One member of the board shall be a faculty member of  
23 an institution of higher education which provides educational  
24 programs for special services providers.

25 (3) Any member of the board may be removed at any time  
26 at the pleasure of the state board of education. If any

1 member of the board vacates his office, a vacancy on the board  
2 shall exist, and the state board of education shall fill such  
3 vacancy by appointment.

4 (4) Members of the board shall receive the same per diem  
5 compensation and reimbursement of expenses as those provided  
6 for members of boards and commissions in the division of  
7 registrations pursuant to section 24-34-102 (13), C.R.S.

8 (5) The department of education shall provide such  
9 office space, equipment, and staff services to the board as is  
10 necessary for the board to carry out its powers and duties as  
11 set forth in this article.

12 (6) (a) The term "licensed", as it appears in this  
13 section, shall include any person certificated pursuant to the  
14 provisions of article 60 of this title.

15 (b) This subsection (6) is repealed, effective July 1,  
16 1999.

17 22-60.5-506. Powers and duties of the special services  
18 professional standards board. (1) In addition to any other  
19 powers and duties conferred upon the special services  
20 professional standards board, said board shall have the  
21 following powers and duties:

22 (a) To study, develop, and make recommendations to the  
23 state board of education regarding the following:

24 (I) Criteria for the issuance and renewal of provisional  
25 special services licenses;

26 (II) Standards for a system for the assessment of

1 professional competencies of applicants for provisional  
2 special services licenses;

3 (III) Criteria for the approval by the state board of  
4 education of any proposed induction programs for provisional  
5 special services licensees, including, but not limited to,  
6 designation of mentor special services providers;

7 (IV) Procedures and criteria for the evaluation of  
8 approved induction programs for provisional special services  
9 licensees, including, but not limited to, designation of  
10 mentor special services providers;

11 (V) Standards for endorsements of provisional and  
12 professional special services licenses;

13 (VI) Criteria for the issuance and renewal of  
14 professional special services licenses;

15 (VII) Guidelines and standards for the establishment of  
16 professional development plans for professional special  
17 services licensees;

18 (VIII) Standards for professional special services  
19 licensees to obtain master certification;

20 (IX) Criteria for the suspension or revocation of  
21 special services licenses, certificates, endorsements, or  
22 authorizations on the grounds of professional incompetence or  
23 unethical behavior;

24 (b) Upon appointment by the state board of education:

25 (I) To preside at hearings on the denial, annulment,  
26 suspension, or revocation of any license, certificate,

1 endorsement, or authorization for any special services  
2 provider and to issue decisions regarding such proceedings; or

3 (II) To appoint, in its discretion, administrative law  
4 judges to preside at hearings on the denial, annulment,  
5 suspension, or revocation of any license, certificate,  
6 endorsement, or authorization for any special services  
7 provider and to issue decisions regarding such proceedings  
8 upon consideration of the written findings of such  
9 administrative law judges.

10 PART 6

11 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

12 22-60.5-601. Use of term "certificated". (1) The term  
13 "certificated", as it appears in articles 9, 27, 28, 32, and  
14 63 of this title, shall include any person licensed pursuant  
15 to the provisions of this article.

16 (2) This section is repealed, effective July 1, 1999.

17 22-60.5-602. Change of term - direction to revisor. On  
18 and after July 1, 1999, the revisor of statutes is authorized  
19 to change all references to certificates and certificated  
20 personnel in articles 9, 27, 28, 32, and 63 of this title to  
21 licenses and licensed personnel, whichever is appropriate.

22 SECTION 2. 22-2-109 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, 1988  
23 Repl. Vol., as amended, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF THE  
24 FOLLOWING NEW PARAGRAPHS to read:

25 22-2-109. State board of education - additional duties.  
26 (1) (n) Provide for the coordination, to the greatest extent

1 possible, of the review by the department of education of  
2 approved programs of preparation and the review of accepted  
3 institutions of higher education by nationally recognized  
4 accrediting agencies or organizations.

5 (o) Notify the Colorado commission on higher education  
6 of any programs of preparation of accepted institutions of  
7 higher education which the state board of education has  
8 refused to approve and to recommend the termination of such  
9 programs.

10 SECTION 3. 22-60-104, Colorado Revised Statutes, 1988  
11 Repl. Vol., as amended, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW  
12 SUBSECTION to read:

13 22-60-104. Types of certificates issued - term. (9) No  
14 certificate shall be issued pursuant to the provisions of this  
15 section to any initial applicant on or after July 1, 1994.

16 SECTION 4. 22-60-107, Colorado Revised Statutes, 1988  
17 Repl. Vol., is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to  
18 read:

19 22-60-107. Renewal of a certificate. (9) No certificate  
20 issued pursuant to this article shall be renewed pursuant to  
21 the provisions of this section on or after July 1, 1994.

22 SECTION 5. Article 60 of title 24, Colorado Revised  
23 Statutes, 1988 Repl. Vol., as amended, is amended BY THE  
24 ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

25 22-60-118. Repeal of article. This article is repealed,  
26 effective July 1, 1999.



1 SECTION 6. 23-1-118 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, 1988  
2 Repl. Vol., as amended, is amended to read:

3 23-1-118. Commission directive - programs of excellence.

4 (1) The governing boards of state institutions of higher  
5 education may nominate, in order of importance, selected  
6 programs at their institutions to be designated as programs of  
7 excellence. FOR NOMINATIONS MADE IN 1992 THROUGH 1997, THE  
8 GOVERNING BOARDS SHALL GIVE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION TO BOTH  
9 UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN SCHOOLS OF EDUCATION  
10 THAT REPRESENT SIGNIFICANT AND INNOVATIVE RESPONSES TO THE  
11 MAJOR REFORM OF THE COLORADO EDUCATOR LICENSING SYSTEM AS SET  
12 FORTH IN ARTICLE 60.5 OF TITLE 22, C.R.S. Program nominations  
13 by the governing boards shall be submitted to the commission  
14 at a time to be prescribed by the commission. As used in this  
15 section, "programs of excellence" means any academic program  
16 or consortium of programs of a state-supported institution of  
17 higher education that directly enrolls students and is  
18 distinguished by the quality of the educational experience  
19 that it offers and by the quality of the faculty and students  
20 it can attract.

21 SECTION 7. Effective date. This act shall take effect  
22 upon passage; except that section 2 shall take effect July 1,  
23 1994.

24 SECTION 8. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby  
25 finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary

1 for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health,  
2 and safety.