

House Bill 245(AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

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

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

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

13 "20-2-200.2.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SECTION 2.

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.