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HOUSE BILL 26-1090

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING TEACHER LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.**

Bill Summary

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

Current law requires that:

- An applicant for a teacher license disclose all misdemeanor convictions, regardless of the date of conviction, except misdemeanor traffic offenses or traffic infractions;
- An applicant for an initial teacher license complete a program of preparation or an alternative teacher program; and
- An applicant for a professional teacher license complete an

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

SENATE
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March 27, 2026

SENATE
2nd Reading Unamended
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Amended 2nd Reading
March 10, 2026

induction program.

The bill requires that an applicant disclose a misdemeanor conviction committed against an at-risk person or a child, regardless of the date of conviction, but does not require that an applicant disclose a misdemeanor conviction that occurred more than 7 years ago, unless it was committed against an at-risk person or a child.

The bill requires that the department of education waive the program of preparation and alternative teacher program requirements and induction program requirement for applicants with a minimum of 2 years of private school teaching experience in Colorado.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-60.5-103, **amend** (2)(a); and **add** (2)(d) as follows:

22-60.5-103. Applicants - licenses - authorizations - submittal of form and fingerprints - failure to comply constitutes grounds for denial - definition.

(2) (a) On a form provided by the department of education, an applicant shall certify, under penalty of perjury, either:

(I) That ~~he has never~~ THEY HAVE NOT been convicted of committing:

(A) ~~Any~~ A felony, ~~or~~ REGARDLESS OF THE DATE OF CONVICTION;

(B) A misdemeanor FOR WHICH, AS AN ELEMENT OF THE OFFENSE, THE VICTIM WAS AN AT-RISK PERSON, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 18-6.5-102, OR A CHILD WHO WAS UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD, REGARDLESS OF THE DATE OF CONVICTION; ■

(C) ~~but not including~~ ANY OTHER MISDEMEANOR IF THE APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED IN THE SEVEN YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF THE DISPOSITION OF THE CONVICTION FOR THE MISDEMEANOR, EXCLUDING any misdemeanor traffic offense or traffic infraction; or

(D) A MISDEMEANOR ENUMERATED AS GROUNDS FOR DENIAL,

1 ANNULMENT, SUSPENSION, OR REVOCATION OF A LICENSE, CERTIFICATE,
2 ENDORSEMENT, OR AUTHORIZATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-60.5-107
3 (2)(b), REGARDLESS OF THE DATE OF CONVICTION; OR

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5 (II) That ~~he has~~ THEY HAVE been convicted of committing any A
6 felony; ~~or~~ A misdemeanor ~~but not including~~ FOR WHICH, AS AN ELEMENT
7 OF THE OFFENSE, THE VICTIM WAS AN AT-RISK PERSON, AS DEFINED IN
8 SECTION 18-6.5-102, OR A CHILD WHO WAS UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD,
9 REGARDLESS OF THE DATE OF CONVICTION; ANY OTHER MISDEMEANOR IN
10 THE SEVEN YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF THE DISPOSITION OF THE
11 CONVICTION, EXCLUDING any misdemeanor traffic offense or traffic
12 infraction; OR A MISDEMEANOR ENUMERATED AS GROUNDS FOR DENIAL,
13 ANNULMENT, SUSPENSION, OR REVOCATION OF A LICENSE, CERTIFICATE,
14 ENDORSEMENT, OR AUTHORIZATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-60.5-107
15 (2)(b), REGARDLESS OF THE DATE OF CONVICTION. ~~Such certification~~
16 EACH CONVICTION IN THESE FOUR CATEGORIES MUST BE LISTED IN THE
17 CERTIFICATION. FOR EACH CONVICTION LISTED IN THE CERTIFICATION, THE
18 APPLICANT shall specify ~~such~~ THE felony or misdemeanor for which THE
19 APPLICANT WAS convicted, the date of ~~such~~ THE conviction, and the court
20 entering the judgment of conviction.

21 (2) (d) THIS SUBSECTION (2) DOES NOT ALTER THE DEPARTMENT'S
22 OBLIGATION TO EVALUATE CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH
23 SECTION 24-5-101.

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25 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-2-119.3, **amend**
26 (2)(a); and **add** (2.5) as follows:

27 **22-2-119.3. Department of education - educator preparation**

1 **program students - record check - fee - definitions.**

2 (2) (a) On a form provided by the department OF EDUCATION, the
3 student shall certify, under penalty of perjury, either:

4 (I) That ~~he or she has never~~ THEY HAVE NOT been convicted of
5 committing:

6 (A) ~~Any~~ A felony, ~~or~~ REGARDLESS OF THE DATE OF CONVICTION;

7 (B) A misdemeanor FOR WHICH, AS AN ELEMENT OF THE OFFENSE,
8 THE VICTIM WAS AN AT-RISK PERSON, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 18-6.5-102,
9 OR A CHILD WHO WAS UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD, REGARDLESS OF THE
10 DATE OF CONVICTION; ■

11 (C) ~~but not including~~ ANY OTHER MISDEMEANOR IF THE
12 APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED IN THE SEVEN YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF THE
13 DISPOSITION OF THE CONVICTION FOR THE MISDEMEANOR, EXCLUDING any
14 misdemeanor traffic offense or traffic infraction; or

15 (D) A MISDEMEANOR ENUMERATED AS GROUNDS FOR DENIAL,
16 ANNULMENT, SUSPENSION, OR REVOCATION OF A LICENSE, CERTIFICATE,
17 ENDORSEMENT, OR AUTHORIZATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-60.5-107
18 (2)(b), REGARDLESS OF THE DATE OF CONVICTION; OR

19 ■

20 (II) That ~~he or she has~~ THEY HAVE been convicted of committing
21 ~~any~~ A felony; ~~or~~ A misdemeanor ~~but not including~~ FOR WHICH, AS AN
22 ELEMENT OF THE OFFENSE, THE VICTIM WAS AN AT-RISK PERSON, AS
23 DEFINED IN SECTION 18-6.5-102, OR A CHILD WHO WAS UNDER EIGHTEEN
24 YEARS OLD, REGARDLESS OF THE DATE OF CONVICTION; ANY OTHER
25 MISDEMEANOR IN THE SEVEN YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF THE DISPOSITION
26 OF THE CONVICTION, EXCLUDING any misdemeanor traffic offense or
27 traffic infraction; OR ANY MISDEMEANOR ENUMERATED AS GROUNDS FOR

1 DENIAL, ANNULMENT, SUSPENSION, OR REVOCATION OF A LICENSE,
2 CERTIFICATE, ENDORSEMENT, OR AUTHORIZATION PURSUANT TO SECTION
3 22-60.5-107 (2)(b) REGARDLESS OF THE DATE OF CONVICTION. ~~Such~~
4 ~~certification~~ EACH CONVICTION IN THESE FOUR CATEGORIES MUST BE
5 LISTED IN THE CERTIFICATION. FOR EACH CONVICTION LISTED IN THE
6 CERTIFICATION, THE APPLICANT shall specify ~~such~~ THE felony or
7 misdemeanor for which THE APPLICANT WAS convicted, the date of ~~such~~
8 THE conviction, and the court entering the judgment of conviction.

9 (2.5) SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT ALTER THE
10 DEPARTMENT'S OBLIGATION TO EVALUATE CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS IN
11 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-5-101.

12 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-30.5-110.7,
13 **amend** (2); and **add** (2.5) as follows:

14 **22-30.5-110.7. Fingerprint-based criminal history record**
15 **checks - charter school employees - procedures - exceptions -**
16 **definitions.**

17 (2) On a form provided by the charter school, an applicant to
18 whom an offer of employment is extended shall certify, under penalty of
19 perjury, either:

20 (a) That ~~he or she has never~~ THEY HAVE NOT been convicted of
21 committing:

22 (I) ~~Any~~ A felony, ~~or~~ REGARDLESS OF THE DATE OF CONVICTION;

23 (II) A misdemeanor FOR WHICH, AS AN ELEMENT OF THE OFFENSE,
24 THE VICTIM WAS AN AT-RISK PERSON, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 18-6.5-102,
25 OR A CHILD WHO WAS UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD, REGARDLESS OF THE
26 DATE OF CONVICTION; ■

27 (III) ~~but not including~~ ANY OTHER MISDEMEANOR IF THE

1 APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED IN THE SEVEN YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF THE
2 DISPOSITION OF THE CONVICTION FOR THE MISDEMEANOR, EXCLUDING any
3 misdemeanor traffic offense or traffic infraction; or

4 (D) A MISDEMEANOR ENUMERATED AS GROUNDS FOR DENIAL,
5 ANNULMENT, SUSPENSION, OR REVOCATION, OF A LICENSE, CERTIFICATE,
6 ENDORSEMENT, OR AUTHORIZATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-60.5-107
7 (2)(b), REGARDLESS OF THE DATE OF CONVICTION; OR

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9 (b) That ~~he or she has~~ THEY HAVE been convicted of committing
10 any A felony; or A misdemeanor but not including FOR WHICH, AS AN
11 ELEMENT OF THE OFFENSE, THE VICTIM WAS AN AT-RISK PERSON, AS
12 DEFINED IN SECTION 18-6.5-102, OR A CHILD WHO WAS UNDER EIGHTEEN
13 YEARS OLD, REGARDLESS OF THE DATE OF CONVICTION; ANY OTHER
14 MISDEMEANOR IN THE SEVEN YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF THE DISPOSITION
15 OF THE CONVICTION, EXCLUDING any misdemeanor traffic offense or
16 traffic infraction; OR A MISDEMEANOR ENUMERATED AS GROUNDS FOR
17 DENIAL, ANNULMENT, SUSPENSION, OR REVOCATION OF A LICENSE,
18 CERTIFICATE, ENDORSEMENT, OR AUTHORIZATION PURSUANT TO SECTION
19 22-60.5-107 (2)(b), REGARDLESS OF THE DATE OF CONVICTION. Such
20 certification EACH CONVICTION IN THESE FOUR CATEGORIES MUST BE
21 LISTED IN THE CERTIFICATION. FOR EACH CONVICTION LISTED IN THE
22 CERTIFICATION, THE APPLICANT shall specify such THE felony or
23 misdemeanor for which THE APPLICANT WAS convicted, the date of such
24 THE conviction, and the court entering the judgment of conviction.

25 (2.5) SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT ALTER THE
26 DEPARTMENT'S OBLIGATION TO EVALUATE CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS IN
27 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-5-101.

1 **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
2 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
3 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
4 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a
5 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
6 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
7 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
8 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
9 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
10 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.