



SENATE BILL 704: COVID-19 Recovery Act, Sec. 2.25: Teacher Licensure Requirements

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OVERVIEW: Section 2.25 of S.L. 2020-3 provides the following extensions for teachers to meet licensure requirements set by the State Board of Education (SBE):

- *Individuals in their first year of licensure, including those with an initial professional license (IPL), lateral entry license, or residency license (RL), who have not taken the examination required by the SBE as of March 10, 2020, can take the examination during their second year of licensure.*
- *Applicants for continuing professional licenses (CPLs) whose lateral entry licenses expired June 30, 2020, who have not met the examination and coursework requirements established by the SBE as of March 10, 2020, are provided an extension until June 30, 2021.*
- *Applicants for CPLs whose IPLs expired June 30, 2020, who have not met the examination requirement established by the SBE as of March 10, 2020, are provided an extension until June 30, 2021.*
- *Applicants for CPLs who are elementary education (K-6) or special education general curriculum teachers with IPLs or RLs who were previously granted extensions until June 30, 2020, and who have not met the examination requirement established by the SBE as of March 10, 2020, are provided an extension until June 30, 2021.*

This section also provides that any teacher who is required to have at least eight continuing education credits for continuing licensure by June 30, 2020, has until June 30, 2021 to meet those requirements.

This section became effective May 4, 2020.

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