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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Burt ORIGINAL DATE 1/23/2017
LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____
SHORT TITLE Military Spouse Teacher Licensure SB 97
ANALYST Edwards

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY18	FY19	FY20	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	\$0.0	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Regional Education Cooperatives (REC)
Public Education Department (PED)

Responses Not Received From

Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 97 amends the School Personnel Act to allow a military service member, the spouse of a military service member, or a veteran with a valid and current or an expired teaching license from another jurisdiction to apply for and receive a New Mexico teaching license after submitting satisfactory evidence that demonstrates the required competencies and meets other requirements and qualifications for the license for which the teacher applies, including clearance of the required background check.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The RECs note no fiscal implications as a result of the bill.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

This codifies current practices already employed by PED licensure bureau. PED also explains that systems are already in place to operationalize this legislation.

PED states military applicants may use any of the following licensure pathways:

- Applicants who have an out of state teaching license may apply through reciprocity if they hold a minimum of a Bachelor's degree, have completed a standard or alternative teacher preparation program, completed out-of-state teacher exams and have a valid out-of-state teacher license, and have teaching experience. There is also another option for those without teaching experience.
- Alternative NMTEACH licensure provides the applicant with a non-renewable 2-year license to allow a person to teach in a NM school while being mentored and evaluated by the school using the NMTEACH evaluation.
- Alternative by Program for those applicants who have obtained a Bachelor's degree: This program allows applicants the opportunity to be the teacher of record while they complete the program.
- Traditional pathways, if they hold a minimum of a Bachelor's degree, have completed a standard program, assessments, and teaching of reading courses.

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