

**SB149 INTRODUCED**



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6 RFD: Education Policy

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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 Under existing law, a temporary K-12 teaching  
6 certificate specifically for military veterans does not  
7 exist.

8 This bill would establish the Military Veteran  
9 Temporary Teaching Certificate, to authorize the State  
10 Board of Education to grant temporary teaching  
11 certificates to veterans who meet certain requirements  
12 for providing instruction in certain teaching fields  
13 for which the state board otherwise requires a  
14 bachelor's degree.

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17 A BILL  
18 TO BE ENTITLED  
19 AN ACT

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21 Relating to K-12 teacher certification; to add Section  
22 16-23-3.2 to the Code of Alabama 1975; to establish the  
23 Military Veteran Temporary Teaching Certificate, to authorize  
24 the State Board of Education to grant temporary teaching  
25 certificates to veterans who meet certain requirements for  
26 providing instruction in certain teaching fields for which the  
27 state board otherwise requires a bachelor's degree.

28 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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29                   Section 1. Section 16-23-3.2 is added to the Code of  
30                   Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

31                   §16-23-3.2

32                   (a) The State Board of Education shall establish a  
33                   Military Veteran Temporary Teaching Certificate. A Military  
34                   Veteran Temporary Teaching Certificate shall be available for  
35                   a teaching field for which the state board otherwise requires  
36                   a bachelor's degree. The department may issue a temporary  
37                   certificate pursuant to this section to any applicant who:

38                   (1) Documents 48 months of active duty military service  
39                   with an honorable discharge or a medical separation;

40                   (2) Submits to the state board the required application  
41                   forms and fees and satisfactorily completes a criminal history  
42                   background information check pursuant to the Alabama Child  
43                   Protection Act of 1999;

44                   (3) Is recommended for certification by a local  
45                   superintendent of education or private K-12 school  
46                   administrator; and

47                   (4) Verifies compliance with all of the following  
48                   admission criteria:

49                   a. Completion of 60 college credits with a minimum  
50                   cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, as  
51                   evidenced by one or more accredited institutions of higher  
52                   education.

53                   b. A passing score on the appropriate Praxis content  
54                   test of the Alabama Educator Certification Assessment Program  
55                   (AECAP).

56                   c. Any other admission criteria established by the



57 State Board of Education.

58 (b) After receiving temporary certification, the  
59 individual shall be assigned a mentor by the employing  
60 superintendent for a minimum of two school years after  
61 commencing employment, or participate in the Alabama Teacher  
62 Mentor Program if hired by a local board of education that  
63 participates in the program.

64 (c) A temporary certificate issued pursuant to this  
65 section is valid for five school years, is limited to a  
66 one-time issuance, and is nonrenewable.

67 (d) When notifying the individual of his or her  
68 temporary certificate approval, the department shall also  
69 inform the individual of the certificate's expiration date and  
70 provide a list of methods to complete the qualifications for a  
71 professional certificate.

72 (e) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to  
73 implement this section.

74 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
75 1, 2026.