

House Bill 739

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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 employment of certificated professional personnel in  
3 elementary and secondary education, so as to give a short title to a Code section relating to  
4 qualification for certain certificates for military spouses; to provide for related matters; to  
5 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Subpart 1 of Part 6 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia  
9 Annotated, relating to employment of certificated professional personnel in elementary and  
10 secondary education, is amended by revising Code Section 20-2-200.2, relating to  
11 qualification for certain certificates for military spouses, as follows:

12 "20-2-200.2.

13 (a) This Code section shall be known and may be cited as the 'Tracy Rainey Act.'

14 ~~(a)~~(b) 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)~~(c) 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28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.