

SB149 ENGROSSED



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2 5VGB936-2

3 By Senators Woods, Williams, Figures, Coleman, Roberts, Bell,
4 Jones, Kitchens, Carnley, Weaver, Elliott, Allen, Hovey,
5 Kelley, Price, Orr, Barfoot, Albritton, Stutts

6 RFD: Education Policy

7 First Read: 14-Jan-26



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5 A BILL
6 TO BE ENTITLED
7 AN ACT

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

19 §16-23-3.2

26 (1) Documents 48 months of active duty military service
27 with an honorable discharge or a medical separation;
28 (2) Submits to the state board the required application



29 forms and fees and satisfactorily completes a criminal history
30 background information check pursuant to the Alabama Child
31 Protection Act of 1999;

32 (3) Is recommended for certification by a local
33 superintendent of education or private K-12 school
34 administrator; and

35 (4) Verifies compliance with all of the following
36 admission criteria:

37 a. Completion of 60 college credits with a minimum
38 cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, as
39 evidenced by one or more accredited institutions of higher
40 education.

41 b. A passing score on the appropriate Praxis content
42 test of the Alabama Educator Certification Assessment Program
43 (AECAP).

44 c. Any other admission criteria established by the
45 State Board of Education.

46 (b) After receiving temporary certification, the
47 individual shall be assigned a mentor by the employing
48 superintendent for a minimum of two school years after
49 commencing employment, or participate in the Alabama Teacher
50 Mentor Program if hired by a local board of education that
51 participates in the program.

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

55 (d) Time served as a teacher pursuant to a temporary
56 certificate under this section shall not be counted in



57 determining continued service status.

58 (e) Individuals who receive a temporary certificate
59 under this section shall not be available to receive an
60 emergency certificate pursuant to Section 16-23-3(f).

61 (f) When notifying the individual of his or her
62 temporary certificate approval, the department shall also
63 inform the individual of the certificate's expiration date and
64 provide a list of methods to complete the qualifications for a
65 professional certificate.

66 (g) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to
67 implement this section.

68 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
69 1, 2026.



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74 to the Senate committee on Education
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78 on the calendar:
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82 as amended
83 Yeas 32
84 Nays 0
85 Abstains 0
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88 Patrick Harris,
89 Secretary.
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