

SB149 ENROLLED



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3 By Senators Woods, Williams, Figures, Coleman, Roberts, Bell,
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5 Kelley, Price, Orr, Barfoot, Albritton, Stutts
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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 Relating to K-12 teacher certification; to add Section
5 16-23-3.2 to the Code of Alabama 1975; to establish the
6 Military Veteran Temporary Teaching Certificate, to authorize
7 the State Board of Education to grant temporary teaching
8 certificates to veterans who meet certain requirements for
9 providing instruction in certain teaching fields for which the
10 state board otherwise requires a bachelor's degree.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

14 §16-23-3.2

15 (a) The State Board of Education shall establish a
16 Military Veteran Temporary Teaching Certificate. A Military
17 Veteran Temporary Teaching Certificate shall be available for
18 a teaching field for which the state board otherwise requires
19 a bachelor's degree. The department may issue a temporary
20 certificate pursuant to this section to any applicant who:

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

23 (2) Submits to the state board the required application
24 forms and fees and satisfactorily completes a criminal history
25 background information check pursuant to the Alabama Child
26 Protection Act of 1999;

27 (3) Is recommended for certification by a local
28 superintendent of education or private K-12 school



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29 administrator; and

30 (4) Verifies compliance with all of the following
31 admission criteria:

32 a. Completion of 60 college credits with a minimum
33 cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, as
34 evidenced by one or more accredited institutions of higher
35 education.

36 b. A passing score on the appropriate Praxis content
37 test of the Alabama Educator Certification Assessment Program
38 (AECAP).

39 c. Any other admission criteria established by the
40 State Board of Education.

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

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

50 (d) Time served as a teacher pursuant to a temporary
51 certificate under this section shall not be counted in
52 determining continued service status.

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

56 (f) When notifying the individual of his or her



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57 temporary certificate approval, the department shall also
58 inform the individual of the certificate's expiration date and
59 provide a list of methods to complete the qualifications for a
60 professional certificate.

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

63 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
64 1, 2026.



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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate, as amended.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives

Passed: 24-Feb-26

By: Senator Woods