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**HOUSE BILL NO. 809**

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-299 of the Code of Virginia, relating to licenses required of teachers.*

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Referred to Committee on Education

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 22.1-299 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 22.1-299. License required of teachers.

No teacher shall be regularly employed by a school board or paid from public funds unless such teacher holds a license or provisional license issued by the Board of Education or a three-year local eligibility license issued by a local school board pursuant to § 22.1-299.3. *Notwithstanding the provision in § 22.1-298.1 that the provisional license is limited to three years, if a teacher employed in Virginia under a provisional license is activated or deployed for military service within a school year (July 1-June 30), an additional year will be added to the teacher's provisional license for each school year or portion thereof the teacher is activated or deployed. The additional year or years shall be granted the following year or years after the return of the teacher from deployment or activation. Local school divisions may grant similar extensions for local eligibility licenses in their discretion.*

In accordance with regulations prescribed by the Board, a person not meeting the requirements for a license or provisional license may be employed and paid from public funds by a school board temporarily as a substitute teacher to meet an emergency.

**2. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.**

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