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SENATE BILL NO. 548

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-299 of the Code of Virginia, relating to three-year provisional licenses; extensions.*

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Referred to Committee on Education and Health

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; provisional licenses; exceptions.

A. 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.

B. Notwithstanding the provision in § 22.1-298.1 that the provisional license is limited to three years, ~~if the following exceptions shall apply:~~

1. If a teacher employed in ~~Virginia~~ the Commonwealth under a provisional license is activated or deployed for military service within a school year (July 1-June 30), an additional year ~~will~~ shall be added to the teacher's provisional license for each school year or portion thereof *during which* the teacher is activated or deployed. The additional year ~~or years~~ shall be granted the ~~following~~ year ~~or years after following~~ the return of the teacher from deployment or activation.

2. The Board may extend, for up to two additional years, the three-year provisional license of any teacher who requires additional time to satisfy the requirements for a renewable license.

C. 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.

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