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SENATE BILL DRS35368-NBz-60A*

Short Title: PED/Military Occupational Licensure. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Bryan, Wells, and D. Davis (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO EXPEDITE OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE FOR MILITARY SPOUSES,
PUBLICIZE LICENSURE INFORMATION, AND REPORT DATA REGARDING
APPLICANTS WHO ARE MILITARY SPOUSES AND APPLICANTS THAT HAVE
MILITARY TRAINING, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE
PROGRAM EVALUATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 93B-15.1 reads as rewritten:

"§ 93B-15.1. Licensure for individuals with military training and experience; proficiency examination; licensure by endorsement for military spouses; temporary license.

...

(a) No later than 30 days following receipt of an ~~application~~, application from a military-trained applicant, an occupational licensing board shall notify an applicant when the applicant's military training or experience does not satisfy the requirements for licensure, certification, or registration and shall specify the criteria or requirements that the board determined that the applicant failed to meet and the basis for that determination. If a military-trained applicant has a pending complaint under subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of this section, an occupational licensing board shall notify the applicant no later than 30 days following the board receiving written notice of the disposition of the pending complaint.

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(b1) No later than 30 days following receipt of an application from a military spouse, an occupational licensing board shall notify an applicant when the applicant's training or experience does not satisfy the requirements for licensure, certification, or registration and shall specify the criteria or requirements that the board determined that the applicant failed to meet and the basis for that determination. If an applicant who is a military spouse has a pending complaint under subdivision (4) of subsection (b) of this section, an occupational licensing board shall notify the applicant no later than 30 days following the board receiving written notice of the disposition of the pending complaint.

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(c1) Each occupational licensing board shall publish ~~a-on its Web site~~ all of the following:

- (1) A document that lists the specific criteria or requirements for licensure, registration, or certification by the board, with a description of the criteria or requirements that are satisfied by military training or experience as provided in this section, and any necessary documentation needed for obtaining the credit or satisfying the requirement. ~~The information required by this~~



1 subsection shall be published on the occupational licensing board's Web site
2 and the Web site of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

3 (2) A document that includes a summary of the opportunities available to veterans
4 and military spouses under this section.

5 (c2) The Secretary of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs shall publish on the
6 Department's Web site the information required under subsection (c1) of this section.

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8 (i) For the purposes of this section, the State Board of Education shall be considered an
9 occupational licensing board when issuing teacher licenses under Article 17E of Subchapter V
10 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes. In addition to the provisions for licensure provided by
11 this section, a local board of education may request a three-year limited license for a military
12 spouse who holds a current teaching license in another jurisdiction pursuant to
13 G.S. 115C-270.20(a)(4a). The State Board of Education shall report the information specified in
14 G.S. 93B-2(a)(9c) and (9d) in accordance with G.S. 93B-2.

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16 **SECTION 2.(a)** G.S. 93B-2 reads as rewritten:

17 **"§ 93B-2. Annual reports required; contents; open to inspection; sanction for failure to**
18 **report.**

19 (a) No later than October 31 of each year, each occupational licensing board shall file
20 electronically with the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, and the Joint Legislative
21 Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee an annual report containing all of the following
22 information:

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24 (9c) The number of applicants with military training, the number granted a license,
25 the number denied a license for any reason, and a summary of the reasons for
26 denial. The information provided in accordance with this subdivision shall not
27 disclose any identifying information of any applicant.

28 (9d) The number of applicants who are military spouses, the number granted a
29 license, the number denied a license for any reason, and a summary of the
30 reasons for denial. The information provided in accordance with this
31 subdivision shall not disclose any identifying information of any applicant.

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33 (b1) No later than October 31 of each year, each occupational licensing board shall file
34 electronically with the Secretary of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs information
35 collected pursuant to G.S. 93B-2(a)(9c) and (9d).

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37 **SECTION 2.(b)** By October 31, 2021, each occupational licensing board shall
38 include the data specified in G.S. 93B-2(a)(9c) and (9d), as provided for in this act, for fiscal year
39 2019-2020 in the annual report to the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, and the Joint
40 Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee, as required by G.S. 93B-2(a).

41 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2020, and applies to
42 applications for licensure received on or after that date.