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**A BILL**

To amend section 3319.222 of the Revised Code to  
require the State Board of Education to issue  
temporary educator licenses to applicants with  
expired professional teacher's certificates and  
professional educator licenses.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 3319.222 of the Revised Code be  
amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 3319.222.** (A) Notwithstanding the amendments to and  
repeal of statutes by ~~the act that enacted this section~~ H.B. 1  
of the 128th general assembly, the state board of education  
shall accept applications for new, and renewal and upgrade of,  
temporary, associate, provisional, and professional educator  
licenses, alternative educator licenses, one-year conditional  
teaching permits, and school nurse licenses through December 31,  
2010, and issue them on the basis of the applications received

by that date in accordance with the former statutes in effect 16  
immediately prior to amendment or repeal by ~~the act that enacted~~ 17  
~~this section~~ H.B. 1 of the 128th general assembly. 18

(B) A permanent teacher's certificate issued under former 19  
sections 3319.22 to 3319.31 of the Revised Code prior to October 20  
29, 1996, or under former section 3319.222 of the Revised Code 21  
as it existed prior to October 16, 2009, shall be valid for 22  
teaching in the subject areas and grades for which the 23  
certificate was issued, except as the certificate is limited, 24  
suspended, or revoked under section 3319.31 of the Revised Code. 25

(C) The following certificates, permits, or licenses shall 26  
be valid until the certificate, permit, or license expires for 27  
teaching in the subject areas and grades for which the 28  
certificate, permit, or license was issued, except as the 29  
certificate, permit, or license is limited, suspended, or 30  
revoked under section 3319.31 of the Revised Code: 31

(1) Any professional teacher's certificate issued under 32  
former section 3319.222 of the Revised Code, as it existed prior 33  
to October 16, 2009; 34

(2) Any temporary, associate, provisional, or professional 35  
educator license issued under former section 3319.22 of the 36  
Revised Code, as it existed prior to October 16, 2009, or under 37  
division (A) of this section; 38

(3) Any alternative educator license issued under former 39  
section 3319.26 of the Revised Code, as it existed prior to 40  
October 16, 2009, or under division (A) of this section; 41

(4) Any one-year conditional teaching permit issued under 42  
former section 3319.302 or 3319.304 of the Revised Code, as it 43  
existed prior to October 16, 2009, or under division (A) of this 44

section. 45

(D) Any school nurse license issued under former section 46  
3319.22 of the Revised Code, as it existed prior to October 16, 47  
2009, or under division (A) of this section shall be valid until 48  
the license expires for employment as a school nurse, except as 49  
the license is limited, suspended, or revoked under section 50  
3319.31 of the Revised Code. 51

(E) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit 52  
a person from applying to the state board for an educator 53  
license issued under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code, a 54  
school nurse license or a school nurse wellness coordinator 55  
license issued under former section 3319.221 of the Revised 56  
Code, or an alternative resident educator license issued under 57  
section 3319.26 of the Revised Code, as the section exists on 58  
and after October 16, 2009. 59

(F) On and after October 16, 2009, any reference in the 60  
Revised Code to educator licensing is hereby deemed to refer 61  
also to certification or licensure under divisions (A) to (D) or 62  
(G) of this section. 63

(G) (1) On and after the effective date of this amendment, 64  
the state board shall accept an application from and issue a 65  
nonrenewable, two-year temporary educator license to an 66  
individual who has an expired professional teacher's certificate 67  
or professional educator license issued under any version of 68  
section 3319.22 or 3319.222 of the Revised Code and who, at the 69  
time of expiration of the license or certificate, had no 70  
disciplinary sanctions on the certificate or license. The 71  
temporary educator license shall be valid for teaching in the 72  
same subject areas and grades for which the expired certificate 73  
or license was issued including any endorsements attached to the 74

expired certificate or license, except as the temporary license 75  
is subsequently limited, suspended, or revoked under section 76  
3319.31 of the Revised Code. 77

(2) Prior to providing instruction at an employing school 78  
district or school under a temporary educator license issued 79  
under division (G)(1) of this section, an individual shall 80  
complete any training required by the employing school district 81  
or school. 82

(3) The state board shall issue a professional educator 83  
license with any applicable license endorsements to an 84  
individual who receives a temporary educator license issued 85  
under division (G)(1) of this section and who, during the 86  
duration of that license, completes either eighteen continuing 87  
education units or six semester hours of coursework in the area 88  
of licensure or in an area related to the teaching field. The 89  
license and endorsements shall be valid for teaching in the same 90  
subject areas and grades for which the individual's expired 91  
certificate or license and endorsements were issued, except as 92  
the professional educator license is subsequently limited, 93  
suspended, or revoked under section 3319.31 of the Revised Code. 94

**Section 2.** That existing section 3319.222 of the Revised 95  
Code is hereby repealed. 96