

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0027

Continuing teacher contracts for military spouses.

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to teacher contracts; providing accelerated  
2 continuing contract status for teachers who are surviving  
3 spouses of veterans or are married to military members; and  
4 providing for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-7-102(a)(ii)(A), (B) and by  
9 creating a new subparagraph (C) is amended to read:

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11 **21-7-102. Definitions.**

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13 (a) As used in this article the following definitions  
14 shall apply:

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16 (ii) "Continuing Contract Teacher":

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2 (A) Any initial contract teacher who has  
3 been employed by the same school district in the state of  
4 Wyoming for a period of three (3) consecutive school years,  
5 has had his contract renewed for a fourth consecutive  
6 school year and, beginning school year 2019-2020 and each  
7 school year thereafter, has performed satisfactorily on  
8 performance evaluations implemented by the district under  
9 W.S. 21-3-110(a)(xvii) during this period of time; ~~or~~

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11 (B) A teacher who has achieved continuing  
12 contract status in one (1) district, and who without lapse  
13 of time has taught two (2) consecutive school years and has  
14 had his contract renewed for a third consecutive school  
15 year by the employing school district, and, beginning  
16 school year 2019-2020 and each school year thereafter, has  
17 performed satisfactorily on performance evaluations  
18 conducted by both districts under W.S. 21-3-110(a)(xvii)  
19 during this period of time; ~~or~~ or

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21 (C) Any initial contract teacher who:

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1                   (I) Is a surviving spouse, as defined  
2 in W.S. 19-14-102(d)(iii), or the spouse of a full-time  
3 member of the armed forces of the United States;  
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5                   (II) Taught three (3) school years in  
6 the preceding six (6) school years in any accredited school  
7 district, regardless of location, and who without lapse of  
8 time has taught two (2) consecutive school years in the  
9 employing Wyoming school district and has had his contract  
10 renewed for a third consecutive school year by the  
11 employing Wyoming school district; and  
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13                   (III) Beginning school year 2019-2020  
14 and each school year thereafter, during the periods of time  
15 referred to in subdivision (II) of this subparagraph,  
16 performed satisfactorily on performance evaluations  
17 conducted by the employing school district in Wyoming under  
18 W.S. 21-3-110(a)(xvii) and any accredited school district  
19 in another jurisdiction under a statute or rule similar to  
20 W.S. 21-3-110(a)(xvii).  
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1       **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2018.

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