A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TEACHERS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1	SECTION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
2	adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read
3	as follows:
4	"CHAPTER
5	INTERSTATE TEACHER MOBILITY COMPACT
6	§ -1 Enactment of compact. The Interstate Teacher
7	Mobility Compact is hereby entered into and enacted into law
8	with all jurisdictions legally joining therein, and is in full
9	force and effect between the State and any other state joining
10	therein in accordance with the terms of the compact, which
11	compact is substantially as follows:
12	ARTICLE I
13	PURPOSE
14	The purpose of this compact is to facilitate the mobility
15	of teachers across the member states, with the goal of
16	supporting teachers through a new pathway to licensure. Through
17	this compact, the member states seek to establish a collective

1	regulator	y framework that expedites and enhances the ability of					
2	teachers to move across state lines.						
3	This compact is intended to achieve the following						
4	objective	s and should be interpreted accordingly. The member					
5	states he	reby ratify the same intentions by subscribing hereto:					
6	(1)	Create a streamlined pathway to licensure mobility for					
7		teachers;					
8	(2)	Support the relocation of eligible military spouses;					
9	(3)	Facilitate and enhance the exchange of licensure,					
10		investigative, and disciplinary information between					
11		the member states;					
12	(4)	Enhance the power of state and district level					
13		education officials to hire qualified, competent					
14		teachers by removing barriers to the employment of					
15		out-of-state teachers;					
16	(5)	Support the retention of teachers in the profession by					
17		removing barriers to relicensure in a new state; and					
18	(6)	Maintain state sovereignty in the regulation of the					
19		teaching profession.					
20		ARTICLE II					
21		DEFINITIONS					

- 1 As used in this compact, and except as otherwise provided,
- 2 the following definitions shall govern the terms herein:
- 3 "Active military member" means any person with full-time
- 4 duty status in the uniformed service of the United States,
- 5 including members of the National Guard and Reserve.
- 6 "Adverse action" means any limitation or restriction
- 7 imposed by a member state's licensing authority, such as
- 8 revocation, suspension, reprimand, probation, or limitation on
- 9 the licensee's ability to work as a teacher.
- 10 "Bylaws" means the bylaws established by the commission.
- "Career and technical education license" means a current,
- 12 valid authorization issued by a member state's licensing
- 13 authority allowing an individual to serve as a teacher in P-12
- 14 public educational settings in a specific career and technical
- 15 education area.
- "Charter member states" means a member state that has
- 17 enacted legislation to adopt this compact where such legislation
- 18 predates the initial meeting of the commission after the
- 19 effective date of the compact.
- 20 "Commission" means the interstate administrative body which
- 21 membership consists of delegates of all states that have enacted

- 1 this compact, and which is known as the interstate teacher
- 2 mobility compact commission.
- 3 "Commissioner" means the delegate of a member state.
- 4 "Eligible license" means a license to engage in the
- 5 teaching profession which requires at least a bachelor's degree
- 6 and the completion of a state approved program for teacher
- 7 licensure.
- 8 "Eligible military spouse" means the spouse of any
- 9 individual in full-time duty status in the active uniformed
- 10 service of the United States, including members of the National
- 11 Guard and Reserve on active duty moving as a result of a
- 12 military mission or military career progression requirements or
- 13 are on their terminal move as a result of separation or
- 14 retirement, including surviving spouses of deceased military
- 15 members.
- 16 "Executive committee" means a group of commissioners
- 17 elected or appointed to act on behalf of, and within the powers
- 18 granted to them by, the commission as provided for in this
- 19 compact.
- "Licensing authority" means an official, agency, board, or
- 21 other entity of a state that is responsible for the licensing

- 1 and regulation of teachers authorized to teach in P-12 public
- 2 educational settings.
- 3 "Member state" means any state that has adopted this
- 4 compact, including all agencies and officials of such a state.
- 5 "Receiving state" means any state where a teacher has
- 6 applied for licensure under this compact.
- 7 "Rule" means any regulation promulgated by the commission
- 8 under this compact, which shall have the force of law in each
- 9 member state.
- 10 "State" means a state, territory, or possession of the
- 11 United States, and the District of Columbia.
- 12 "State practice laws" means a member state's laws, rules,
- 13 and regulations that govern the teaching profession, define the
- 14 scope of such profession, and create the methods and grounds for
- 15 imposing discipline.
- 16 "State specific requirements" means a requirement for
- 17 licensure covered in coursework or examination that includes
- 18 content of unique interest to the state.
- "Teacher" means an individual who currently holds an
- 20 authorization from a member state that forms the basis for
- 21 employment in the P-12 public schools of the state to provide

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- 1 instruction in a specified subject area, grade level, or student
- 2 population.
- 3 "Unencumbered license" means a current, valid authorization
- 4 issued by a member state's licensing authority allowing an
- 5 individual to serve as a teacher in P-12 public educational
- 6 settings. "Unencumbered license" is not a restricted,
- 7 probationary, provisional, substitute, or temporary credential.
- 8 ARTICLE III
- 9 LICENSURE UNDER THE COMPACT
- 10 (a) Licensure under this compact pertains only to the
- 11 initial grant of a license by the receiving state. Nothing
- 12 herein applies to any subsequent or ongoing compliance
- 13 requirements that a receiving state may require for teachers.
- 14 (b) Each member state shall, in accordance with the rules
- 15 of the commission, define, compile, and update as necessary, a
- 16 list of eligible licenses and career and technical education
- 17 licenses that the member state is willing to consider for
- 18 equivalency under this compact and provide the list to the
- 19 commission. The list shall include those licenses that a
- 20 receiving state is willing to grant to teachers from other
- 21 member states, pending a determination of equivalency by the

- 1 receiving state's licensing authority.
- 2 (c) Upon the receipt of an application for licensure by a
- 3 teacher holding an unencumbered license, the receiving state
- 4 shall determine which of the receiving state's eligible licenses
- 5 the teacher is qualified to hold and shall grant such a license
- 6 or licenses to the applicant. Such a determination shall be
- 7 made in the sole discretion of the receiving state's licensing
- 8 authority and may include a determination that the applicant is
- 9 not eligible for any of the receiving state's eligible licenses.
- 10 For all teachers who hold an unencumbered license, the receiving
- 11 state shall grant one or more unencumbered licenses that, in the
- 12 receiving state's sole discretion, are equivalent to the
- 13 licenses held by the teacher in any other member state.
- 14 (d) For active military members and eligible military
- 15 spouses who hold a license that is not unencumbered, the
- 16 receiving state shall grant an equivalent license or licenses
- 17 that, in the receiving state's sole discretion, is equivalent to
- 18 the license or licenses held by the teacher in any other member
- 19 state, except where the receiving state does not have an
- 20 equivalent license.
- 21 (e) For a teacher holding an unencumbered career and

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- 1 technical education license, the receiving state shall grant an
- 2 unencumbered license equivalent to the career and technical
- 3 education license held by the applying teacher and issued by
- 4 another member state, as determined by the receiving state in
- 5 its sole discretion, except where a career and technical
- 6 education teacher does not hold a bachelor's degree and the
- 7 receiving state requires a bachelor's degree for licenses to
- 8 teach career and technical education. A receiving state may
- 9 require career and technical education teachers to meet state
- 10 industry recognized requirements, if required by law in the
- 11 receiving state.

12 ARTICLE IV

13 LICENSURE NOT UNDER THE COMPACT

- 14 (a) Except as provided in article III, nothing in this
- 15 compact shall be construed to limit or inhibit the power of a
- 16 member state to regulate licensure or endorsements overseen by
- 17 the member state's licensing authority.
- 18 (b) When a teacher is required to renew a license received
- 19 pursuant to this compact, the state granting such a license may
- 20 require the teacher to complete state specific requirements as a
- 21 condition of licensure renewal or advancement in that state.

1	(C)	For the purposes of determining compensation, a
2	receiving	state may require additional information from teachers
3	receiving	a license under the provisions of this compact.
4	(d)	Nothing in this compact shall be construed to limit
5	the power	of a member state to control and maintain ownership of
6	its inform	mation pertaining to teachers or limit the application
7	of a membe	er state's laws or regulations governing the ownership,
8	use, or d	issemination of information pertaining to teachers.
9	(e)	Nothing in this compact shall be construed to
10	invalidate	e or alter any existing agreement or other cooperative
11	arrangeme	nt which a member state may already be a party to, or
12	limit the	ability of a member state to participate in any future
13	agreement	or other cooperative arrangement to:
14	(1)	Award teaching licenses or other benefits based on
15		additional professional credentials, including but not
16		limited to National Board Certification;
17	(2)	Participate in the exchange of names of teachers whose
18		license has been subject to an adverse action by a
19		member state; or
20	(3)	Participate in any agreement or cooperative

arrangement with a non-member state.

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1		ARTICLE V
2	TEACHER	QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE UNDER THE
3		COMPACT
4	(a)	Except as provided for active military members or
5	eligible	military spouses in article III, subsection (d), a
6	teacher m	ay only be eligible to receive a license under this
7	compact w	here that teacher holds an unencumbered license in a
8	member st	ate.
9	(b)	A teacher eligible to receive a license under this
10	compact s	hall, unless otherwise provided for herein:
11	(1)	Upon their application to receive a license under this
12		compact, undergo a criminal background check in the
13		receiving state in accordance with the laws and
14		regulations of the receiving state; and
15	(2)	Provide the receiving state with information in
16		addition to the information required for licensure for
17		the purposes of determining compensation, if
18		applicable.
19		ARTICLE VI
20		DISCIPLINE AND ADVERSE ACTIONS
21	(a)	Nothing in this compact shall be deemed or construed

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- 2 impose disciplinary measures on teachers according to the state
- 3 practice laws thereof.
- 4 (b) Member states shall be authorized to receive, and
- 5 shall provide, files and information regarding the investigation
- 6 and discipline, if any, of teachers in other member states upon
- 7 request. Any member state receiving such information or files
- 8 shall protect and maintain security and confidentiality thereof,
- 9 in at least the same manner that it maintains its own
- 10 investigatory or disciplinary files and information. Prior to
- 11 disclosing any disciplinary or investigatory information
- 12 received from another member state, the disclosing state shall
- 13 communicate its intention and purpose for such disclosure to the
- 14 member state which originally provided that information.
- 15 ARTICLE VII
- 16 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTERSTATE TEACHER MOBILITY COMPACT
- 17 COMMISSION
- 18 (a) The interstate compact member states hereby create and
- 19 establish a joint public agency known as the interstate teacher
- 20 mobility compact commission. The commission shall be a joint
- 21 interstate governmental agency comprised of states that have

- 1 enacted the interstate teacher mobility compact. Nothing in
- 2 this compact shall be construed to be a waiver of sovereign
- 3 immunity.
- 4 (b) Membership, voting, and meetings.
- (1) Each member state shall have and be limited to one
 delegate to the commission, who shall be given the
 title of commissioner.
- 8 (2) The commissioner shall be the primary administrative
 9 officer of the state licensing authority or their
 10 designee.
- 11 (3) Any commissioner may be removed or suspended from
 12 office as provided by the laws of the state from which
 13 the commissioner is appointed.
- 14 (4) The member state shall fill any vacancy occurring in the commission within ninety days.
- 16 (5) Each commissioner shall be entitled to one vote about
 17 the promulgation of rules and creation of bylaws and
 18 shall otherwise have an opportunity to participate in
 19 the business and affairs of the commission. A
 20 commissioner shall vote in person or by such other
 21 means as provided in the bylaws. The bylaws may

1		provide for commissioners' participation in meetings
2		by telephone or other means of communication.
3	(6)	The commission shall meet at least once during each
4		calendar year.
5	(7)	The commission shall establish by rule a term of
6		office for commissioners.
7	(c)	The commission shall have the power to:
8	(1)	Establish a code of ethics for the commission;
9	(2)	Establish the fiscal year of the commission;
10	(3)	Establish bylaws for the commission;
11	(4)	Maintain its financial records in accordance with the
12		bylaws of the commission;
13	(5)	Meet and take such actions as are consistent with the
14		provisions of this compact, the bylaws, and rules of
15		the commission;
16	(6)	Promulgate uniform rules to implement and administer
17		this compact. The rules shall have the force and
18		effect of law and shall be binding in all member
19		states. In the event the commission exercises its
20		rulemaking authority in a manner that is beyond the
21		scope of the purposes of this compact, or the powers

1		granted hereunder, then such an action by the
2		commission shall be invalid and have no force and
3		effect of law;
4	(7)	Bring and prosecute legal proceedings or actions in
5		the name of the commission; provided that the standing
6		of any member state licensing authority to sue or be
7		sued under applicable law shall not be affected;
8	(8)	Purchase and maintain insurance and bonds;
9	(9)	Borrow, accept, or contract for services of personnel,
10		including, but not limited to, employees of a member
11		state, or an associated nongovernmental organization
12		that is open to membership by all states;
13	(10)	Hire employees, elect or appoint officers, fix
14		compensation, define duties, grant individuals
15		appropriate authority to carry out the purposes of
16		this compact, and establish the commission's personnel
17		policies and programs relating to conflicts of
18		interest, qualifications of personnel, and other
19		related personnel matters;
20	(11)	Lease, purchase, accept appropriate gifts or donations
21		of, or otherwise own, hold, improve, or use any

i		property, whether real, personal or mixed; provided
2		that at all times the commission shall avoid any
3		appearance of impropriety;
4	(12)	Sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange,
5		abandon, or otherwise dispose of any property, whether
6		real, personal, or mixed;
7	(13)	Establish a budget and make expenditures;
8	(14)	Borrow money;
9	(15)	Appoint committees, including standing committees
10		composed of members and such other interested persons
11		as may be designated in this compact, or by rules or
12		bylaws;
13	(16)	Provide and receive information from, and cooperate
14		with, law enforcement agencies;
15	(17)	Establish and elect an executive committee;
16	(18)	Establish and develop a charter for an executive
17		information governance committee to advise on
18		facilitating exchange of information; use of
19		information, data privacy, and technical support
20		needs; and provide reports as needed;

1	(19)	Perform such other functions as may be necessary or
2		appropriate to achieve the purposes of this compact
3		consistent with a state's regulation of teacher
4		licensure; and
5	(20)	Determine whether a state's adopted language is
6		materially different from the model compact language
7		such that the state would not qualify for
8		participation in this compact.
9	(d)	The executive committee of the interstate teacher
10	mobility	compact commission shall:
11	(1)	Have the power to act on behalf of the commission
12		according to the terms of this compact.
13	(2)	Be composed of eight voting members as follows:
14		(A) The commission chair;
15		(B) The vice chair;
16		(C) The treasurer; and
17		(D) Five members who are elected by the commission
18		from the current membership as follows:
19		(i) Four voting members representing geographic
20		regions in accordance with commission rules;
21		and

1		((ii) One at-large voting member in accordance
2			with commission rules;
3			provided that the commission may add or remove
4			members of the executive committee as provided in
5			commission rules.
6	(3)	Meet	at least once annually.
7	(4)	Have	the following duties and responsibilities:
8		(A)	Recommend to the entire commission changes to the
9			rules or bylaws, changes to the compact
10			legislation, the establishment of or change to
11			fees paid by interstate compact member states,
12			including annual dues and any compact fee charged
13			by the member states on behalf of the commission;
14		(B)	Ensure commission administration services are
15			appropriately provided, whether contractual or
16			otherwise;
17		(C)	Prepare and recommend the budget;
18		(D)	Maintain financial records on behalf of the
19			commission;
20		(E)	Monitor compliance of member states and provide
71			reports to the commission; and

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2		commission's rules or bylaws.
3	(e)	Meetings of the commission.
4	(1)	All meetings shall be open to the public, and public
5		notice of meetings shall be given in accordance with
6		commission bylaws.
7	(2)	The commission, the executive committee, or other
8		committees of the commission may convene in a closed,
9		non-public meeting if the commission, executive
10		committee, or other committees of the commission must
11		discuss:
12		(A) Noncompliance of a member state with its
13		obligations under the compact;
14		(B) The employment, compensation, discipline, or
15		other matters, practices, or procedures related
16		to specific employees; or other matters related
17		to the commission's internal personnel practices
18	·	and procedures;
19		(C) Current, threatened, or reasonably anticipated
20		litigation;

(F) Perform other duties as provided in the

1	(D)	Negotiation of contracts for the purchase, lease,
2		or sale of goods, services, or real estate;
3	(E)	Accusation of any person of a crime or formal
4		censure of any person;
5	(F)	Disclosure of trade secrets or commercial or
6		financial information that is privileged or
7		confidential;
8	(G)	Disclosure of information of a personal nature
9		where disclosure would constitute a clearly
10		unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
11	(H)	Disclosure of investigative records compiled for
12		law enforcement purposes;
13	(I)	Disclosure of information related to any
14		investigative reports prepared by, on behalf of,
15		or for use of the commission or other committee
16		charged with responsibility of investigation or
17		determination of compliance issues pursuant to
18		this compact;
19	(J)	Matters specifically exempted from disclosure by
20		federal or member state statute; and

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2		and rules.
3	(3)	If a meeting or portion of a meeting is closed
4		pursuant to this paragraph, the commission's legal
5		counsel or designee shall first certify that the
6		meeting may be closed and shall reference each
7		relevant exemption authorizing the closed meeting.
8	(4)	The commission shall keep minutes of commission
9		meetings and shall provide a full and accurate summary
10		of actions taken and the reasons therefore, including
11		a description of the views expressed. All documents
12		considered in connection with an action shall be
13		identified in the minutes. All minutes and documents
14		of a closed meeting shall remain under seal, subject
15		to release by a majority vote of the commission or

(K) Other matters as set forth in commission bylaws

- (f) Financing of the commission.
- (1) The commission shall pay, or provide for the payment of, its reasonable expenses and ongoing activities.

order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

20 (2) The commission may accept all appropriate donations21 and grants of money, equipment, supplies, materials,

and services, and receive, utilize, and dispose of the
same; provided that the commission shall at all times
avoid any appearance of impropriety or conflict of
interest.

- (3) The commission may levy on and collect an annual assessment from each member state or impose fees on other parties to cover the cost of the operations and activities of the commission, in accordance with commission rules.
- (4) The commission shall not incur obligations of any kind prior to securing the funds adequate to meet those obligations, nor shall the commission pledge the credit of any member state, except by and with the authority of the member state.
- (5) The commission shall keep accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements. The receipts and disbursements of the commission shall be subject to accounting procedures established under commission bylaws. All receipts and disbursements of funds of the commission shall be reviewed annually in accordance with commission bylaws, and a report of the

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1	review	shall	be	included	in	and	become	a	part	of	the
2	annual	report	of	the comr	niss	sion					

- (g) Qualified immunity, defense, and indemnification.
- 4 (1)The members, officers, executive director, employees, 5 and representatives of the commission shall be immune 6 from suit and liability, either personally or in their 7 official capacity, for any claim for damage to or loss 8 of property, personal injury, or other civil liability 9 caused by or arising out of any actual or alleged act, 10 error, or omission that occurred, or that the person 11 against whom the claim is made had a reasonable basis 12 for believing occurred, within the scope of commission 13 employment, duties, or responsibilities; provided that 14 nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to 15 protect any such person from suit or liability for any 16 damage, loss, injury, liability, or negligent acts 17 caused by the intentional or willful or wanton 18 misconduct of that person.
 - (2) The commission shall defend any member, officer,
 executive director, employee, or representative of the
 commission in any civil action seeking to impose

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liability arising out of any actual or alleged act, error, or omission that occurred within the scope of commission employment, duties, or responsibilities, or that the person against whom the claim is made had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the scope of commission employment, duties, or responsibilities; provided that nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit that person from retaining counsel; provided further that the actual or alleged act, error, or omission did not result from that person's intentional or willful or wanton misconduct.

(3) The commission shall indemnify and hold harmless any member, officer, executive director, employee, or representative of the commission for the amount of any settlement or judgment obtained against that person arising out of any actual or alleged act, error, or omission that occurred within the scope of commission employment, duties, or responsibilities, or that the person had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the scope of commission employment, duties, or responsibilities; provided that the actual or alleged

1	act, error, or omission did not result from the
2	intentional or willful or wanton misconduct of that
3	person.
4	ARTICLE VIII
5	RULEMAKING
6	(a) The commission shall exercise its rulemaking powers
7	pursuant to the criteria set forth in this compact and the rules
8	adopted thereunder. Rules and amendments shall become binding
9	as of the date specified in each rule or amendment.
10	(b) The commission shall promulgate reasonable rules to
11	achieve the intent and purpose of this compact. In the event
12	the commission exercises its rulemaking authority in a manner
13	that is beyond the purpose and intent of this compact or the
14	powers granted hereunder, then such an action by the commission
15	shall be invalid and have no force and effect of law in the
16	member states.
17	(c) If a majority of the legislatures of the member states
18	rejects a rule, by enactment of a statute or resolution in the
19	same manner used to adopt this compact within four years of the

date of adoption of the rule, then such rule shall have no

further force and effect in any member state.

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2	ratified	at a regular or special meeting of the commission in
3	accordanc	e with commission rules and bylaws.
4	(e)	Upon a determination that an emergency exists, the
5	commissio	n may consider and adopt an emergency rule within
6	forty-eig	ht hours' notice, with opportunity to provide comment;
7	provided	that the usual rulemaking procedures shall be
8	retroacti	vely applied to the rule as soon as reasonably
9	possible,	and in no event later than ninety days after the
10	effective	date of the rule.
11	For	the purposes of this subsection:
12	"Eme	rgency rule" means a rule that must be adopted
13	immediate	ly to:
14	(1)	Meet an imminent threat to public health, safety, or
15		welfare;
16	(2)	Prevent a loss of commission or member state funds;
17	(3)	Meet a deadline for the promulgation of an
18		administrative rule that is established by federal law
19		or rule; or
20	(4)	Protect public health and safety.
21		ARTICLE IX

(d) Rules or amendments to the rules shall be adopted or

FACILITATING INFORMATION EXCHANGE

- 2 (a) The commission shall provide for the facilitation of
- 3 exchange of information to administer and implement the
- 4 provisions of this compact in accordance with the rules of the
- 5 commission, consistent with generally accepted data protection
- 6 principles.
- 7 (b) Nothing in this compact shall be deemed or construed
- 8 to alter, limit, or inhibit the power of a member state to
- 9 control and maintain ownership of its licensee information or
- 10 alter, limit, or inhibit the laws or regulations governing
- 11 licensee information in the member state.
- 12 ARTICLE X
- OVERSIGHT, DISPUTE RESOLUTION, AND ENFORCEMENT
- 14 (a) Oversight.
- 15 (1) The executive and judicial branches of state
- government in each member state shall enforce this
- 17 compact and take all actions necessary and appropriate
- 18 to effectuate the compact's purposes and intent. The
- 19 provisions of this compact shall have standing as
- 20 statutory law.

(2)	Venue is proper and judicial proceedings by or against
	the commission shall be brought solely and exclusively
	in a court of competent jurisdiction where the
	principal office of the commission is located. The
	commission may waive venue and jurisdictional defenses
	to the extent the commission adopts or consents to
	participate in alternative dispute resolution
	proceedings. Nothing herein shall affect or limit the
	selection or propriety of venue in any action against
	a licensee for professional malpractice, misconduct,
	or any similar matter.

- (3) All courts and administrative agencies shall take judicial notice of this compact, the rules of the commission, and any information provided to a member state pursuant thereto in any judicial or quasijudicial proceeding in a member state pertaining to the subject matter of this compact, or which may affect the powers, responsibilities, or actions of the commission.
- (4) The commission shall be entitled to receive service of process in any proceeding regarding the enforcement or

ı		interpretation of this compact and shall have standing
2		to intervene in such a proceeding for all purposes.
3		Failure to provide the commission service of process
4		shall render a judgment or order void as to the
5		commission, this compact, or promulgated rules.
6	(b)	Default, technical assistance, and termination. If
7	the commi	ssion determines that a member state has defaulted in
8	the perfo	rmance of its obligations or responsibilities under
9	this comp	act or promulgated rules, the commission shall:
10	(1)	Provide written notice to the defaulting state and
11		other member states of the nature of the default, the
12		proposed means of curing the default or any other
13		action to be taken by the commission; and
14	(2)	Provide remedial training and specific technical
15		assistance regarding the default.
16	(c)	If a state in default fails to cure the default, the
17	defaultin	g state may be terminated from this compact upon an
18	affirmati	ve vote of a majority of the commissioners of the
19	member st	ates, and all rights, privileges, and benefits
20	conferred	l on that state by this compact may be terminated on the
21	effective	date of termination. A cure of the default does not

- 1 relieve the offending state of obligations or liabilities
- 2 incurred during the period of default.
- 3 (d) Termination of membership in this compact shall be
- 4 imposed only after all other means of securing compliance have
- 5 been exhausted. Notice of intent to suspend or terminate shall
- 6 be given by the commission to the governor, the majority and
- 7 minority leaders of the defaulting state's legislature, the
- 8 state licensing authority, and each of the member states.
- 9 (e) A state that has been terminated is responsible for
- 10 all assessments, obligations, and liabilities incurred through
- 11 the effective date of termination, including obligations that
- 12 extend beyond the effective date of termination.
- 13 (f) The commission shall not bear any costs related to a
- 14 state that is found to be in default or that has been terminated
- 15 from this compact, unless agreed upon in writing between the
- 16 commission and the defaulting state.
- 17 (g) The defaulting state may appeal the action of the
- 18 commission by petitioning the United States District Court for
- 19 the District of Columbia or the federal district where the
- 20 commission has its principal office. The prevailing party shall

- 1 be awarded all costs of litigation, including reasonable
- 2 attorney's fees.
- 3 (h) Dispute resolution.
- 4 (1) Upon request by a member state, the commission shall
 5 attempt to resolve disputes related to this compact
 6 that arise among member states and between member and
 7 non-member states.
- 8 (2) The commission shall promulgate a rule providing for
 9 both binding and non-binding alternative dispute
 10 resolution as appropriate.
- 11 (i) Enforcement.
- 12 (1) The commission, in the reasonable exercise of its
 13 discretion, shall enforce the provisions and rules of
 14 this compact.
- 15 (2) By majority vote, the commission may initiate legal
 action in the United States District Court for the
 17 District of Columbia or the federal district where the
 18 commission has its principal office against a member
 19 state in default to enforce compliance with the
 20 provisions of this compact and its promulgated rules
 21 and bylaws. The relief sought may include both

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8	ARTICLE XI
7	under federal or state law.
6	commission may pursue any other remedies available
5	not be the exclusive remedies of the commission. The
4	reasonable attorney's fees. The remedies herein shall
3	be awarded all costs of litigation, including
2	enforcement is necessary, the prevailing party shall
1	injunctive relief and damages. In the event judicial

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- 10 This compact shall become effective on the date on 11 which the compact statute is enacted into law in the tenth 12 member state.
- 13 (1) On or after the effective date of this compact, the 14 commission shall convene and review the enactment of 15 each of the charter member states to determine if the 16 statute enacted by each charter member state is 17 materially different from the model compact statute.
- 18 (2) A charter member state whose enactment is found to be 19 materially different from the model compact statute 20 shall be entitled to the default process set forth 21 pursuant to article X.

1	(3)	Member states enacting this compact subsequent to the
2		charter member states shall be subject to the process
3		set forth in article VII, subsection (c)(20), to
4		determine if the member states' enactments are
5		materially different from the model compact statute
6		and whether the member states qualify for
7		participation in the compact.

- 8 (b) If any member state is later found to be in default,
 9 or is terminated or withdraws from this compact, the commission
 10 shall remain in existence and this compact shall remain in
 11 effect even if the number of member states is less than ten.
- 12 (c) Any state that joins the compact after the 13 commission's initial adoption of the rules and bylaws shall be 14 subject to the rules and bylaws as they exist on the date on 15 which this compact becomes law in that state. Any rule that has 16 been previously adopted by the commission shall have the full 17 force and effect of law on the day this compact becomes law in 18 that state, as the rules and bylaws may be amended as provided 19 in this compact.
- 20 (d) Any member state may withdraw from this compact by21 enacting a statute repealing the same compact.

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2		until six months after enactment of the repealing
3		statute.
4	(2)	Withdrawal shall not affect the continuing requirement
5		of the withdrawing state's licensing authority to
6		comply with the investigative and adverse action
7		reporting requirements of this compact prior to the
8		effective date of withdrawal.
9	(e)	This compact may be amended by the member states. No
10	amendment	to this compact shall become effective and binding
11	upon any	member state until the compact is enacted into the laws
12	of all me	mber states.
13		ARTICLE XII
14		CONSTRUCTION AND SEVERABILITY
15	This	compact shall be liberally construed to effectuate the

(1) A member state's withdrawal shall not take effect

purposes thereof. The provisions of this compact shall be severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence, or provision of this compact is declared to be contrary to the constitution of any member state or state seeking membership in this compact, or of the United States, or the applicability thereof to any other

21 government, agency, person or circumstance is held invalid, the

- 1 validity of the remainder of this compact and the applicability
- 2 thereof to any government, agency, person, or circumstance shall
- 3 not be affected thereby. If this compact shall be held contrary
- 4 to the constitution of any member state, the compact shall
- 5 remain in full force and effect as to the remaining member
- 6 states and in full force and effect as to the member state
- 7 affected as to all severable matters.
- 8 ARTICLE XIII
- 9 CONSISTENT EFFECT AND CONFLICT WITH OTHER STATE LAWS
- 10 (a) Nothing herein shall prevent or inhibit the
- 11 enforcement of any other law of a member state that is not
- 12 inconsistent with this compact.
- (b) Any laws, statutes, regulations, or other legal
- 14 requirements in a member state in conflict with this compact are
- 15 superseded to the extent of the conflict.
- 16 (c) All permissible agreements between the commission and
- 17 the member states are binding in accordance with their terms."
- 18 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 3000.

Report Title:

Education; Teachers; Interstate Compact

Description:

Enacts the interstate teacher mobility compact to reduce the barriers to teacher license portability and employment. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD2)

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