

Item 13:**Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 234, Military Service Members, Military Spouses, and Military Veterans****DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

SUMMARY: This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) an opportunity to discuss and propose revisions to 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 234, Military Service Members, Military Spouses, and Military Veterans. The proposed revisions would implement Senate Bills (SBs) 422 and 544 and House Bill (HB) 621, 88th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2023. The proposed revisions would add military service members as being eligible to receive several of the provisions in place for military spouses.

TEC, §21.052(c),

§234.6. Review of Credentials and Issuance of Licensure to Military Service Members, Military Spouses, and Military Veterans.

The proposed amendment to 19 TAC §234.6(b)(1) would add clarification that a military service member is eligible for issuance of the Texas standard certificate following approval of an exemption from required examinations or after the required state certification examinations have been passed. The proposed amendment would also confirm that completion of a criminal background check is also required prior to certificate issuance.

The proposed amendment to §234.6(b)(2)(C) would add clarification that military spouses are eligible for issuance of the Texas standard certificate following approval of an exemption from required examinations or after the required state certification examinations have been passed.

The proposed amendment to §234.6(b)(3) would add clarification that military veterans are eligible for issuance of the Texas standard certificate following approval of an exemption from required examinations or after the required state certification examinations have been passed. The proposed amendment also confirms that completion of a criminal background check is also required prior to certificate issuance.

Proposed new §234.6(c) would implement a provision in SB 422 to clarify that a change in the marital status of a military spouse would not impact his or her right to utilize provisions specific to marital status of a

FISCAL IMPACT: The TEA staff has determined that there is no additional fiscal impact on state and local governments and that there are no additional costs to entities required to comply with the proposal.

LOCAL EMPLOYMENT IMPACT: The proposal has no effect on local economy; therefore, no local employment impact statement is required under Texas Government Code (TGC), §200

- (i) ~~(h)~~ A military service member, military spouse, and military veteran shall complete educator examination requirements for certificate issuance as outlined in Texas Education Code, Chapter 21, Subchapter B, and rules in the Texas Administrative Code, Title 19, Part 7, or qualify for an exemption from required Texas examinations through provisions in §152.1001 of Part 2 of this title (relating to Exceptions to Examination Requirements for Individuals Certified Outside the State).
- (j) ~~(i)~~ A military ~~[Military]~~ service ~~member~~ ~~[members]~~ and a military ~~veteran~~ ~~[veterans]~~ are exempt from certification application fees that are paid to the state that lead to initial certification. These members of the military community are exempt from paying the portion of the examination registration fee that is paid to the TEA.
- (k) ~~(j)~~ A military ~~[Military]~~ service ~~member~~ ~~[members]~~ and a military ~~veteran~~ ~~[veterans]~~ are exempt from certification application fees that are paid to the state that lead to initial certification resulting from a review of credentials, one-year certificate, or out-of-state standard certificate. These members of the military community are exempt from paying the portion of the examination registration fee that is paid to the TEA.
- (l) ~~(k)~~ A military ~~[Military]~~ spouse is ~~[spouses are]~~ exem

- (d) A military veteran, peace officer, fire protection personnel, and emergency services personnel must enroll in a Texas-approved educator preparation program to complete requirements for issuance of the standard certificate.

§234.11. Certification of Full-Time Instructors for the Community College of the Air Force.

- (a) Effective September 1, 2023, a one-year, temporary certificate may be issued to an individual who served as a full-time instructor for the Community College of the Airforce as defined in §234.3 of this title (relating to Definitions) if he or she meets the following:
- (1) holds a bachelor's degree as defined in §227.10 of this title (relating to Admission Criteria);
 - (2) has at least two semesters' experience as a full-time instructor for the Community College of the Air Force; and
 - (3) is currently enrolled in a Texas-approved educator preparation program.
- (b) An individual who meets the qualifications specified in subsection (a) of this section and is interested in obtaining the one-year temporary certificate, may submit the following items to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) staff:
- (1) a completed application;
 - (2) a copy of credentials to serve as an instructor for the Community College of the Air Force;
 - (3) an official transcript showing degree conferred and conferral date; and
 - (4) verification of at least two semesters' experience as a full-time instructor for the Community College of the Air Force.
- (c) A qualified instructor for the Community College of the Air Force must take and pass all required examinations identified by TEA staff during the review of credentials and must complete any additional requirements specified for issuance of the