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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS  
2021 REGULAR SESSION**

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**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

*{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*

Check all that apply:  
**Original**     **Amendment**      
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**Date** 1/22/2021  
**Bill No:** HB120

**Sponsor:** Eliseo Lee Alcon                      **Agency Name and Code**                                          PED-924  
**Short Title:**    MILITARY SPOUSE                      **Number:**                                           
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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY21	FY22		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY21	FY22	FY23		

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**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	<b>FY21</b>	<b>FY22</b>	<b>FY23</b>	<b>3 Year Total Cost</b>	<b>Recurring or Nonrecurring</b>	<b>Fund Affected</b>
<b>Total</b>						

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:  
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

**SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

**BILL SUMMARY**

Synopsis: House Bill 120 (HB120) proposes to amend sections of the Public School Code that provide a waiver of licensure fees and expedited issuing of licenses for military service members, their spouses, their dependent children, and veterans. Amendments related to educator licenses issued by the Public Education Department include adding language to include “substitute certificates” and the requirement that the Department provide a report to the director of the office of military base planning and support including the number and type of licenses or certificates that were issued during the fiscal year.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

HB120 does not contain an appropriation.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The addition of “substitute certificates” language is extraneous, as the department does not issue any certificates. Instead, all qualified applicants, including substitute teachers, receive licenses. The addition of certificate language appears to be an effort to align the Public School Code to that of licensing in other agencies.

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

The Department would be able to meet the additional requirement to provide a report to the director of the office of military base planning and support.

**CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

According to the United States Census Bureau, there were approximately 157,413 veterans living in New Mexico in July 2017.<sup>[1]</sup> Currently, New Mexico is experiencing a teacher shortage. While the department already waives licensing fees and expedites licenses for these applicants, the bill could incentivize eligible New Mexico veterans, military service members, their spouses,

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and dependent children with a fee waiver to pursue a career in education in the state.  
Source: <sup>[1]</sup> United States census bureau: Quick facts. (n.d.). Retrieved from:  
<https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/table/NM/VET605216#viewtop>

## **ALTERNATIVES**

## **WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

## **AMENDMENTS**