

**CHAPTER 149****( HB 586 )**

AN ACT relating to the maintenance of teacher certification.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. KRS 161.095 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The Education Professional Standards Board, with the advice of the Kentucky Board of Education, shall:
- (a) Promulgate administrative regulations to establish procedures for a teacher to maintain his or her certificate by successfully completing meaningful continuing education;
  - (b) ~~[- The Education Professional Standards Board shall ]~~Develop standards for continuing education related to maintaining a certificate, including university courses, an advanced degree, or a combination of field-based experience, individual research, and approved professional development; **and**
  - (c) ~~[- The Education Professional Standards Board shall ]~~Establish a system of quality assurance related to continuing education activities and certification requirements.
- (2) (a) *The Education Professional Standards Board shall extend the validity period of a certificate of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States of America by one (1) year for each year the member is determined by the board to have been prohibited by military service or training from pursuing an advanced degree or completing professional development required to maintain certification; and*
- (b) *The Education Professional Standards Board shall promulgate administrative regulations to establish an application process and develop guidelines for the process by which education or professional development is considered to have been prohibited by military service.*

Signed by Governor April 10, 2018.