

Testimony to Alaska Senate Education Committee

SELECTED ECS RESOURCES

Teacher License Reciprocity

- [50-State Comparison: Teacher License Reciprocity](#)
- [Policy Outline: Teacher License Reciprocity](#) – This policy outline defines license reciprocity and provides examples of states with additional requirements — or exemptions — for licensed, out-of-state teachers.
- [EdNote: Teacher License Reciprocity Series](#)

Teacher Recruitment and Retention

- [50-State Comparison: Teacher Recruitment and Retention](#)
- [Policy Outline: Teacher Pipelines](#) – This policy outline provides an overview of the common challenges states face – and the policy solutions they employ – in attracting and retaining teachers.
- [Policy Brief: Building a Diverse Teacher Workforce](#) – This policy brief provides a summary of key research on the benefits of expanding the racial/ethnic diversity of teachers in K-12 classrooms. This also features examples of state-level action intended to advance diversity and ultimately improve students' academic experiences.
- [50-State Comparison: Teacher Leadership and Licensure Advancement](#)
- [Policy Snapshot: Targeted Teacher Recruitment](#) – This policy snapshot explores recent legislation and key areas of teacher recruitment and provides summary information on past years' legislative activities.
- [EdNote: Opportunities to Use ESSA to Support and Retain New Teachers](#)
- [Policy Outline: COVID-19 Series: Professional Learning for Teachers and Leaders](#) – This policy outline reviews the topic of educator professional learning in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and provides both policy considerations and policy examples for state leaders looking to alleviate current challenges. It is one resource in a series of seven that explore how the pandemic is impacting education and exacerbating inequities along the continuum.
- [State Information Request: Addressing Teacher Shortages Through Licensure Flexibility](#) – A state legislative staffer asked us for examples of legislation that grants flexibility in licensing teachers to alleviate shortages. Our response includes five ways in which states have granted flexibility in licensure, drawing on legislation passed in 2018 and 2019.
- [Policy Brief: Teacher Shortages: What We Know](#) – This brief is the first in a series of reports examining the teacher shortage dilemma. Designed to guide state leaders in policy decisions, this policy brief begins the series by considering what the research says about teacher shortages and highlights state task force findings. Five accompanying briefs examine strategies states are using to address teacher shortages: 1) alternative certification; 2) financial incentives; 3) induction and mentorship; 4) evaluation and feedback; and 5) teacher leadership.

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The ECS Policy Team is always able to research any state education policy question you might have, and we're usually able to have a written response to you within 48-72 hours.

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