Safer Schools Act of 2011 and Teacher Licensing in Colorado

The new law, known as the “Safer Schools Act of 2011” or HB1121, will limit school’s ability to hire individuals convicted of certain crimes, including sexual crimes, violent crimes, drug crimes and domestic violence. However, there is a statute of limitations of five years for domestic violence and drug crimes. If a person has completed domestic violence classes or a drug treatment program and the five years has passed, they can be hired. You should consult with an attorney if you are concerned about your ability to be licensed as a teacher in Colorado.

Teacher Licensing in Wyoming

Wyoming licensure application questions:

Mark yes or no for each question. IF YOU ANSWER YES TO ANY OF THE QUESTIONS BELOW, YOU MUST PROVIDE A SIGNED EXPLANATION AND COPIES OF ANY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS. (i.e. Final Order, Settlement Agreement, Judgment and Sentence, etc.) If you have submitted explanations in a previous application, a duplicate explanation is not required.

WARNING: Failure to disclose any criminal conviction including driving under the influence (DUI) is considered falsification of your application and is grounds for denial or annulment of a license or permit.

Have you ever been convicted of any crime (misdemeanor or felony) for which you were arrested and fingerprinted?

- “Convicted” means any unvacated determination of guilt by any court having legal jurisdiction of the offense and from which no appeal is pending. Pleas of guilty and nolo contendere are convictions.
- Driving under the influence (DUI) convictions must be reported.