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**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE  
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** GOVERNOR  
**FROM:** RILEY  
**SUBJECT:** **HB 639**  
**DATE** 3/13/02  
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**HB 639**

HB 639 requires school districts to include each complete year of classroom instruction in the military as “years of teaching experience” when computing teacher salaries.

HB 639 is effective July 1, 2002.

MDE reported in the House and Senate Education Committees that this bill will help with the teacher shortage in that it will attract retired military personnel to teach in our schools. I have not heard of or received any opposition to this bill.

**NOTE: HB 639 AND SB 2168 ARE IDENTICAL BILLS AND  
BOTH ARE ON YOUR DESK.**

Senator Harden introduced SB 2168 and Representative Warren introduced HB 639. I recommend that you sign HB 639.