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**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO  
STUDY ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF TEACHER CERTIFICATION.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission may study alternative methods of teacher certification in order to encourage lateral entry into the profession of teaching by skilled individuals from the private sector. The study, if undertaken, may include the following:

(1) A determination of the appropriate academic and professional preparation for this type of teacher certification and whether this preparation should be different depending on the grade level or subject matter to be taught.

(2) An evaluation of the present method to encourage individuals to enter the teaching profession laterally and of the ability of these individuals to access necessary courses in order to obtain certification within five years.

- 1           (3)    A determination of appropriate basic skills that should be required of  
2                    individuals who choose to enter the profession of teaching laterally, and  
3                    of how these skills should be assessed.
- 4           (4)    An assessment of whether provisional certification or an internship  
5                    period, or both, should be required as a prerequisite for this type of  
6                    certification.
- 7           (5)    A review of other states' methods of encouraging lateral entry into the  
8                    teaching profession.
- 9           (6)    A consideration of whether local boards of education should notify the  
10                   community or hold public hearings before they employ teachers who are  
11                   certified under an alternative method.
- 12          (7)    Any related issue the committee considers appropriate.
- 13          If the study is undertaken, the Commission may report its findings, together  
14          with any recommended legislation, to the 1996 Session of the 1995 General Assembly or  
15          to the 1997 General Assembly, or to both.
- 16          Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1995.