

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005**

**SESSION LAW 2005-419
HOUSE BILL 1310**

AN ACT TO PERMIT STUDENTS TO USE THEIR SAT SCORES OR PRAXIS I SCORES TO QUALIFY FOR ADMISSION TO TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 115C-296 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(b2) An undergraduate student seeking a degree in teacher education must attain passing scores on a preprofessional skills test prior to admission to an approved teacher education program in a North Carolina college or university. The State Board of Education shall permit students to fulfill this requirement by achieving the prescribed minimum scores set by the State Board of Education for the Praxis I tests or by achieving the appropriate required score, as determined by the State Board of Education, on the verbal and mathematics portions of the SAT. The minimum combined verbal and mathematics score set by the State Board of Education shall be between 900 and 1,200."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to students seeking admission to a teacher education program beginning with the 2006-2007 academic year.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 23rd day of August, 2005.

s/ Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

s/ James B. Black
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Michael F. Easley
Governor

Approved 1:53 p.m. this 22nd day of September, 2005