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SENATE BILL DRS35371-DEa-9

Short Title: Teacher Licensure Modifications. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators McInnis, Lee, and Burgin (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REMOVE TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO AN
3 EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM, TO MODIFY THE TEACHER LICENSURE
4 EXAM TIME LINE, AND TO MODIFY TEACHER LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR
5 OUT-OF-STATE APPLICANTS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 SECTION 1. G.S. 115C-269.15(a) is repealed.

8 SECTION 2. G.S. 115C-270.15(c) reads as rewritten:

9 "(c) Time Line for Completion of Examinations. – The State Board of Education shall
10 permit an applicant to fulfill any such examination requirement before or during the third year of
11 licensure, ~~provided the applicant took the examination at least once during the first year of~~
12 ~~licensure.licensure.~~"

13 SECTION 3. G.S. 115C-270.25 reads as rewritten:

14 "§ 115C-270.25. Out-of-state license applicants.

15 The State Board of Education shall grant a CPL to a teacher licensed in another state with
16 ~~substantially similar licensure requirements~~ who has at least three years of teaching experience
17 and is in good standing with the other state."

18 SECTION 4.(a) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
19 Public Instruction the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) in nonrecurring funds for the
20 2026-2027 fiscal year for the purpose of implementing the requirements of this act.

21 SECTION 4.(b) This section becomes effective July 1, 2026.

22 SECTION 5. Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes
23 law.



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