

March 17, 2005

H 706. FACILITATE HIRING OF TEACHERS. TO AMEND THE TEACHER CERTIFICATION LAW TO FACILITATE THE HIRING OF TEACHERS. Current law requires an applicant for initial bachelors or masters degree certificate to demonstrate academic and professional preparation by achieving a prescribed minimum score on an appropriate standard examination. Act amends GS 115C-296 to add other alternatives to demonstrate ability: (1) beginning teacher who wishes to be certified as elementary education teacher or special education teacher may meet requirements for a highly qualified teacher under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001; (2) beginning teacher for all other certifications may meet requirements by achieving minimum score on standard exam, completing an appropriate academic major, graduate degree, or comparable coursework, or by otherwise meeting the requirements for a highly qualified teacher under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. Provides that a teacher from another state who has less than three years experience and is employed as a teacher in NC is considered to have satisfied the academic and professional requirements for initial certification in NC if the teacher is fully certified and highly qualified as provided in the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 in other state. A teacher who has three or more years experience in another state and meets the same requirements is deemed to have satisfied academic preparation required to receive continuing certification in NC. Provides for certification of visiting international faculty under listed standards. Grants skilled individuals who enter teaching profession laterally an alternative (now, provisional) teaching certificate for no more than three (now, five) years before completing lateral entry requirements. Authorizes State Board to continue to issue provisional licenses, temporary permits, and emergency permits that are valid through June 30, 2006, on same basis as they were issued before the effective date of this act, which is when the bill becomes law. Applies to all persons initially employed as teachers for the 2005-06 school year.

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H 706. FACILITATE HIRING OF TEACHERS. Intro. 3/17/05. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Clarifies that the approved program a beginning teacher must have completed is a teacher education program.

August 12, 2005

H 706. FACILITATE HIRING OF TEACHERS. Intro. 3/17/05. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Makes technical change only.