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Short Title: Transitional License/Teacher from Other State.

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Referred to:

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A THREE-YEAR TRANSITIONAL LICENSE FOR
3 TEACHERS FROM OTHER STATES AND AUTHORIZE LOCAL BOARDS OF
4 EDUCATION TO DETERMINE EXPERIENCE CREDIT FOR THOSE TEACHERS TO
5 PAY THEM ON THE COMMENSURATE LEVEL ON THE STATE SALARY
6 SCHEDULE FOR THE TERM OF THE LICENSE, AND TO MODIFY THE
7 REQUIREMENTS FOR A LIFETIME LICENSE.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-270.20(a) reads as rewritten:

10 "(a) Teacher Licenses. – The State Board shall adopt rules for the issuance of the following
11 classes of teacher licenses, including required levels of preparation for each classification:

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13 (7) Transitional license or TL. – A three-year nonrenewable license issued to an
14 individual who holds current teacher licensure in another state that is in good
15 standing. A transitional license shall only be requested by a local board of
16 education. The individual may begin the application process to meet the
17 requirements for a continuing professional license as an out-of-state applicant
18 while holding the transitional license.

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20 **SECTION 1.2.** G.S. 115C-270.20(a)(4) reads as rewritten:

21 "(4) Lifetime license. – A license issued to a teacher after ~~50~~30 or more years of
22 teaching as a licensed teacher that requires no renewal."

23 **SECTION 1.4.** G.S. 115C-270.20(a)(6) is repealed.

24 **SECTION 1.6.** G.S. 115C-270.30(b)(3) is repealed.

25 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 115C-270.25 reads as rewritten:

26 "§ 115C-270.25. **Out-of-state license applicants.**

27 Initial applications for a continuing professional license from an individual with an
28 out-of-state teacher's license shall require the applicant to provide evidence of that teacher's
29 effectiveness, when available, as measured by the evaluation system used in that applicant's state
30 of current licensure at the time of application, including any growth measures included in that
31 evaluation system. Applications that include the evidence of that educator's effectiveness shall
32 be prioritized for review over initial applications from applicants with out-of-state licenses that
33 do not include that information. An individual who does not include evidence of that teacher's
34 effectiveness with the initial application shall only be eligible for ~~an IPL~~ a TL until the teacher
35 has completed three years of licensed teaching in North Carolina."

36 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 115C-302.1 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:



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1 "(b3) Pay for Teachers with a Transitional License. – Notwithstanding any other provision
2 of law, a local board of education that employs a teacher who is licensed with a three-year
3 transitional license pursuant to G.S. 115C-270.20(a)(7) shall determine experience credit for that
4 teacher for the purposes of paying the teacher with State-allotted funds in accordance with the
5 State salary schedule for teachers during the first year of the license. Notwithstanding subsection
6 (f) of this section, the local board of education and the teacher shall not be responsible for the
7 repayment of any overpayment of State funds due to misapplication of experience credit for the
8 State salary schedule when the determination of experience credit was done in good faith based
9 on the teacher's prior employment record and the guidelines established by the State Board of
10 Education for awarding experience credit. A teacher paid in accordance with this subsection shall
11 not be entitled to the same pay on the State salary schedule for teachers for subsequent school
12 years after the State Board determines the appropriate experience credit for that teacher."

13 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 93B-15.1(i) reads as rewritten:

14 "(i) For the purposes of this section, the State Board of Education shall be considered an
15 occupational licensing board when issuing teacher licenses under Article 17E of Subchapter V
16 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes. In addition to the provisions for licensure provided by
17 this section, a local board of education may request a three-year transitional license for a military
18 spouse who holds a current teaching license in another jurisdiction pursuant to
19 G.S. 115C-270.20(a)(7)."

20 **SECTION 5.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with
21 applications for teacher licensure submitted on or after that date.