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HOUSE BILL 824  
PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H824-PCS10458-BE-28

Short Title: Teacher Licensure Changes.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 19, 2023

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO GRANT A CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL LICENSE TO ANY TEACHER  
3 LICENSED IN ANOTHER STATE AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO TEACHER  
4 LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. G.S. 115C-270.20(a)(4a) reads as rewritten:

7 "(4a) Limited license. – A three-year ~~nonrenewable~~ renewable license issued to an  
8 individual who meets the requirements of this subdivision. A limited license  
9 shall only be requested by the local board of education currently employing  
10 or seeking to employ the individual and shall be used for continued  
11 employment only in that local school administrative unit. The State Board  
12 shall not require individuals to demonstrate preparation through achieving a  
13 prescribed minimum score on a standardized examination for a limited  
14 license. To receive a limited license, ~~one both~~ of the following shall be met:

15 a. ~~In-state licensee. – Both of the following are met:~~

16 ~~1. The individual was issued an IPL or RL, but failed to fulfill~~  
17 ~~examination requirements under G.S. 115C-270.15 after three years of~~  
18 ~~licensure.~~

19 ~~2. The local board of education submits to the State Board an affidavit~~  
20 ~~stating that the teacher is currently employed by that local board, is an~~  
21 ~~effective teacher, and will be encouraged to continue to pursue a CPL.~~  
22 ~~The affidavit shall be signed by both the principal and superintendent~~  
23 ~~for the school to which the teacher is currently assigned.~~

24 b. ~~Out-of-state licensee. – Both of the following are met:~~

25 ~~1. The individual holds current teacher licensure in another state~~  
26 ~~that is in good standing.~~

27 ~~2. The local board of education submits to the State Board an~~  
28 ~~affidavit stating that the local board seeks to employ the~~  
29 ~~teacher, that the teacher has been employed as a licensed~~  
30 ~~teacher in another state for at least three years, and that the~~  
31 ~~teacher will be encouraged to pursue an IPL or CPL, as~~  
32 ~~appropriate for that teacher. The affidavit shall be signed by~~  
33 ~~the superintendent for the local board of education seeking to~~  
34 ~~employ the teacher."~~

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

36 "§ 115C-270.25. Out-of-state license applicants.



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1 ~~Initial applications for a continuing professional license from an individual with an~~  
2 ~~out-of-state teacher's license shall require the applicant to provide evidence of that teacher's~~  
3 ~~effectiveness, when available, as measured by the evaluation system used in that applicant's state~~  
4 ~~of current licensure at the time of application, including any growth measures included in that~~  
5 ~~evaluation system. An individual who does not include evidence of that teacher's effectiveness~~  
6 ~~with the initial application shall only be eligible for an IPL or LL. The State Board of Education~~  
7 ~~shall grant a CPL to a teacher licensed in another state with substantially similar licensure~~  
8 ~~requirements who has at least three years of teaching experience and is in good standing with the~~  
9 ~~other state."~~

10 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 115C-270.30(b) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

11 "(6) For a teacher renewing a limited license, an affidavit from the employing local  
12 board of education that is signed by both the principal and superintendent for  
13 the school to which the teacher is currently assigned. The affidavit must state  
14 all of the following:

15 a. The teacher is currently employed by the local board of education.

16 b. The teacher is an effective teacher. For teachers who have available  
17 growth data under the Education Value-Added Assessment System  
18 (EVAAS), the data must demonstrate that the teacher meets or exceeds  
19 expectations of growth.

20 c. The teacher will be encouraged to continue to pursue a CPL."

21 **SECTION 4.** For limited license renewals that occur on or before July 1, 2025, the  
22 State Board of Education shall only require the teacher to meet the licensure renewal  
23 requirements in G.S. 115C-270.30(b)(6), as enacted by Section 3 of this act.

24 **SECTION 5.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to applications  
25 for licensure and renewal applications submitted on or after that date.