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SENATE BILL DRS45134-MTa-28

Short Title: School Psychologist Omnibus. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Corbin (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ENACT PROVISIONS RELATED TO IMPROVING THE NUMBER AND  
3 QUALITY OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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6 **PART I. INCREASE COMPENSATION FOR SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS**

7 **SECTION 1.(a)** For the 2025-2026 fiscal year, in addition to any salary received  
8 under the teacher salary schedule, school psychologists shall receive the following salary  
9 supplements:

- 10 (1) The sum of six hundred fifty dollars (\$650.00) per month.  
11 (2) School psychologists who have a Nationally Certified School Psychologist  
12 (NCSP) credential shall receive a salary supplement each month of twelve  
13 percent (12%) of their monthly salary.

14 **SECTION 1.(b)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
15 Public Instruction for the 2025-2026 fiscal year the sum of eight million one hundred thousand  
16 dollars (\$8,100,000) in recurring funds to provide compensation increases for school  
17 psychologists pursuant to this section.

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19 **PART II. SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS GRANT PROGRAM**

20 **SECTION 2.(a)** Article 21 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by  
21 adding a new section to read:

22 **"§ 115C-316.6. School Psychologists Grant Program.**

23 (a) The Department of Public Instruction shall establish the School Psychologists Grant  
24 Program (Program) to improve the safety, mental health, and well-being of students by providing  
25 grants to public school units to recruit school psychologists, to the extent funds are made  
26 available for this purpose, as follows:

- 27 (1) Grant application. – A public school unit may submit an application to the  
28 Superintendent of Public Instruction to receive a grant pursuant to this  
29 subdivision. The application shall identify current and ongoing needs for  
30 school psychologist services, including needs related to recruitment.  
31 (2) Criteria and guidelines. – The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall  
32 develop criteria and guidelines for the administration and use of the grants  
33 under the Program, including any documentation required to be submitted by  
34 applicants.



1           (3) Award of funds. – The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall award grants  
2 to public school units to provide signing bonuses to recruit school  
3 psychologists, as follows:

4           a. The Department shall prioritize the award of funds to public school  
5 units that do not employ a full-time school psychologist at the time the  
6 application is submitted.

7           b. No individual bonus shall be greater than five thousand dollars  
8 (\$5,000).

9           c. As a condition of accepting a signing bonus, a school psychologist  
10 shall agree to remain employed in the public school unit for at least  
11 one year.

12           d. Grants provided to public school units pursuant to the Program shall  
13 be used to supplement and not to supplant State or non-State funds  
14 already provided for these services.

15           (b) Report. – No later than April 1, 2026, and each subsequent year thereafter in which  
16 funds allocated pursuant to this section are awarded, the Superintendent of Public Instruction  
17 shall report on the Program to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee and the  
18 Fiscal Research Division. The report shall include the identity of each public school unit that  
19 received a grant through the Program, the amount of funding provided to the public school unit,  
20 and the use of funds by the public school unit."

21           **SECTION 2.(b)** Appropriation. – There is appropriated from the General Fund to  
22 the Department of Public Instruction for the 2025-2026 fiscal year the sum of five million dollars  
23 (\$5,000,000) in recurring funds to establish and implement the School Psychologists Grant  
24 Program pursuant to G.S. 115C-316.6, as enacted by this section.

### 25 26 **PART III. SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

27           **SECTION 3.(a)** Article 21 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by  
28 adding a new section to read:

29 **"§ 115C-316.7. School psychologists internship program.**

30           (a) The Department of Public Instruction shall establish an internship program for school  
31 psychologists in public school units. Participants in an approved full-time school psychology  
32 preparation program shall receive up to a 10-month stipend during the internship period of the  
33 program. The stipend shall be at the beginning salary of a school psychologist. The school  
34 psychology preparation program where the intern is enrolled shall provide the Department of  
35 Public Instruction with certification that the intern is an eligible full-time student.

36           (b) Field supervisors in public school units providing instruction to school psychology  
37 interns receiving stipends in accordance with this section shall be eligible to receive one lump  
38 sum salary supplement of between five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and one thousand two hundred  
39 dollars (\$1,200) in an amount to be determined by the public school unit."

40           **SECTION 3.(b)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
41 Public Instruction for the 2025-2026 fiscal year the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in  
42 recurring funds to establish and implement the school psychologists internship program pursuant  
43 to G.S. 115C-316.7, as enacted by this act.

### 44 45 **PART IV. FUNDS FOR A VIRTUAL SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY TRAINING PROGRAM**

46           **SECTION 4.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Governors  
47 of The University of North Carolina for the 2025-2026 fiscal year the sum of five million dollars  
48 (\$5,000,000) in nonrecurring funds to be allocated to Appalachian State University (ASU) to  
49 host a virtual school psychology training program at the ASU campus in Hickory, North Carolina.

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1 **PART V. INCREASE FUNDS FOR SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST TRAINING**  
2 **PROGRAMS**

3 **SECTION 5.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Governors  
4 of The University of North Carolina the sum of one million six hundred thousand dollars  
5 (\$1,600,000) in recurring funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year to be allocated to the following  
6 constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina to support the school psychology  
7 programs at those institutions with the goal of doubling the number of school psychologists  
8 produced:

- 9 (1) Appalachian State University.
- 10 (2) East Carolina University.
- 11 (3) North Carolina State University.
- 12 (4) The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- 13 (5) Western Carolina University.

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15 **PART VI. INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS**

16 **SECTION 6.(a)** Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new  
17 Article to read:

18 "Article 17F.

19 "School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact.

20 **"§ 115C-270.40. Purpose.**

21 The purpose of this Compact is to facilitate the interstate practice of School Psychology in  
22 educational or school settings, and in so doing to improve the availability of School  
23 Psychological Services to the public. This Compact is intended to establish a pathway to allow  
24 School Psychologists to obtain equivalent licenses to provide School Psychological Services in  
25 any Member State. In this way, this Compact shall enable the Member States to ensure that safe  
26 and effective School Psychological Services are available and delivered by appropriately  
27 qualified professionals in their educational settings. To facilitate the objectives described above,  
28 this Compact does the following:

- 29 (1) Enables School Psychologists who qualify for receipt of an Equivalent  
30 License to practice in other Member States without first satisfying  
31 burdensome and duplicative requirements.
- 32 (2) Promotes the mobility of School Psychologists between and among the  
33 Member States in order to address workforce shortages and to ensure that safe  
34 and reliable School Psychological Services are available in each Member  
35 State.
- 36 (3) Enhances the public accessibility of School Psychological Services by  
37 increasing the availability of qualified, licensed School Psychologists through  
38 the establishment of an efficient and streamlined pathway for Licensees to  
39 practice in other Member States.
- 40 (4) Preserves and respects the authority of each Member State to protect the health  
41 and safety of its residents by ensuring that only qualified, licensed  
42 professionals are authorized to provide School Psychological Services within  
43 that state.
- 44 (5) Requires School Psychologists practicing within a Member State to comply  
45 with the Scope of Practice laws present in the state where the School  
46 Psychological Services are being provided.
- 47 (6) Promotes cooperation between the Member States in regulating the practice  
48 of School Psychology within those states.
- 49 (7) Facilitates the relocation of military members and their spouses who are  
50 licensed to provide School Psychological Services.

51 **"§ 115C-270.41. Definitions.**

1        The following definitions shall apply in this Article:

- 2            (1)    Active Military Member. – Any person with full-time duty status in the Armed  
3            Forces of the United States, including members of the National Guard and  
4            Reserve.
- 5            (2)    Adverse Action. – Disciplinary action or encumbrance imposed on a License  
6            by a State Licensing Authority.
- 7            (3)    Alternative Program. – A nondisciplinary, prosecutorial diversion,  
8            monitoring, or practice remediation process entered into in lieu of an Adverse  
9            Action which is applicable to a School Psychologist and approved by the State  
10           Licensing Authority of a Member State in which the participating School  
11           Psychologist is licensed. This includes, but is not limited to, programs to  
12           which Licensees with substance abuse or addiction issues may be referred in  
13           lieu of an Adverse Action.
- 14           (4)    Commissioner. – The individual appointed by a Member State to serve as the  
15           representative to the Commission for that Member State.
- 16           (5)    Compact. – This School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact.
- 17           (6)    Continuing Professional Education. – A requirement, imposed by a Member  
18           State as a condition of License renewal to provide evidence of successful  
19           participation in professional educational activities relevant to the provision of  
20           School Psychological Services.
- 21           (7)    Criminal Background Check. – The submission of fingerprints or other  
22           biometric information for a License applicant for the purpose of obtaining that  
23           applicant's criminal history record information, as defined in 28 C.F.R. §  
24           20.3(d), and the state's criminal history record repository, as defined in 28  
25           C.F.R. § 20.3(f).
- 26           (8)    Doctoral Level Degree. – A graduate degree program that consists of at least  
27           90 graduate semester hours in the field of School Psychology, including a  
28           supervised internship.
- 29           (9)    Encumbered License. – A License that a State Licensing Authority has limited  
30           in any way other than through an Alternative Program, including temporary  
31           or provisional licenses.
- 32           (10)   Executive Committee. – The Commission's Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and  
33           Treasurer and any other Commissioners as may be determined by  
34           Commission Rule or bylaw.
- 35           (11)   Equivalent License. – A License to practice School Psychology which a  
36           Member State has identified as a License which may be provided to School  
37           Psychologists from other Member States pursuant to this Compact.
- 38           (12)   Home State. – The Member State that issued the Home State License to the  
39           Licensee and is the Licensee's primary state of practice.
- 40           (13)   Home State License. – The License that is not an Encumbered License issued  
41           by the Home State to provide School Psychological Services.
- 42           (14)   License. – A current license, certification, or other authorization granted by a  
43           Member State's Licensing Authority that permits an individual to provide  
44           School Psychological Services.
- 45           (15)   Licensee. – An individual who holds a License from a Member State to  
46           provide School Psychological Services.
- 47           (16)   Member State. – A state that has enacted the Compact and been admitted to  
48           the Commission in accordance with the provisions herein and Commission  
49           Rules.

- 1           (17) Model Compact. – The model language for the School Psychologist Interstate  
2 Licensure Compact on file with the Council of State Governments or other  
3 entity as designated by the Commission.
- 4           (18) Practice of School Psychology. – The delivery of School Psychological  
5 Services.
- 6           (19) Qualifying National Exam. – A national licensing examination endorsed by  
7 the National Association of School Psychologists and any other exam as  
8 approved by the Rules of the Commission.
- 9           (20) Qualifying School Psychologist Education Program. – An education program  
10 which awards a Specialist-Level or Doctoral-Level degree or equivalent upon  
11 completion and is approved by the Rules of the Commission as meeting the  
12 necessary minimum educational standards to ensure that its graduates are  
13 ready, qualified, and able to engage in the Practice of School Psychology.
- 14           (21) Remote State. – A Member State other than the Home State where a Licensee  
15 holds a License through the Compact.
- 16           (22) Rule. – A regulation promulgated by an entity, including, but not limited to,  
17 the Commission and the State Licensing Authority of each Member State, that  
18 has the force of law.
- 19           (23) School Psychological Services. – Academic, mental, and behavioral health  
20 services, including assessment, prevention, consultation and collaboration,  
21 intervention, and evaluation provided by a School Psychologist in a school, as  
22 outlined in applicable professional standards as determined by Commission  
23 Rule.
- 24           (24) School Psychologist. – An individual who has met the requirements to obtain  
25 a Home State License that legally conveys the professional title of School  
26 Psychologist, or its equivalent, as determined by the Rules of the Commission.
- 27           (25) School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact Commission  
28 (Commission). – The joint government agency established by this Compact  
29 whose membership consists of representatives from each Member State that  
30 has enacted the Compact, and as further described in G.S. 115C-270.46.
- 31           (26) Scope of Practice. – The procedures, actions, and processes a School  
32 Psychologist licensed in a state is permitted to undertake in that state and the  
33 circumstances under which that Licensee is permitted to undertake those  
34 procedures, actions, and processes. Such procedures, actions, and processes,  
35 and the circumstances under which they may be undertaken, may be  
36 established through means, including, but not limited to, statute, regulations,  
37 case law, and other processes available to the State Licensing Authority or  
38 other government agency.
- 39           (27) Specialist-Level Degree. – A degree program that requires at least 60 graduate  
40 semester hours or equivalent in the field of School Psychology, including a  
41 supervised internship.
- 42           (28) State. – Any state, commonwealth, district, or territory of the United States of  
43 America.
- 44           (29) State Licensing Authority. – A Member State's regulatory body responsible  
45 for issuing Licenses or otherwise overseeing the Practice of School  
46 Psychology.
- 47           (30) State Specific Requirement. – A requirement for licensure covered in  
48 coursework or examination that includes content of unique interest to the state.
- 49           (31) Unencumbered License. – A License that authorizes a Licensee to engage in  
50 the full and unrestricted Practice of School Psychology.

51 **§ 115C-270.42. State participation in the Compact.**

1 (a) To be eligible to join this Compact, and to maintain eligibility as a Member State, a  
2 state must do the following:

3 (1) Enact a Compact statute that is not materially different from the Model  
4 Compact as defined in the Commission's Rules.

5 (2) Participate in the sharing of information with other Member States as  
6 reasonably necessary to accomplish the objectives of this Compact, and as  
7 further defined in G.S. 115C-270.47.

8 (3) Identify and maintain with the Commission a list of Equivalent Licenses  
9 available to Licensees who hold a Home State License under this Compact.

10 (4) Have a mechanism in place for receiving and investigating complaints about  
11 Licensees.

12 (5) Notify the Commission, in compliance with the terms of the Compact and the  
13 Commission's Rules, of any Adverse Action taken against a Licensee, or of  
14 the availability of investigative information which relates to a Licensee or  
15 applicant for licensure.

16 (6) Require that applicants for a Home State License have done the following:

17 a. Taken and passed a Qualifying National Exam as defined by the Rules  
18 of the Commission.

19 b. Completed a minimum of 1200 hours of supervised internship, of  
20 which at least 600 must have been completed in a School, prior to  
21 being approved for licensure.

22 c. Graduated from a Qualifying School Psychologist Education Program.

23 (7) Comply with the terms of this Compact and the Rules of the Commission.

24 (b) Each Member State shall grant an Equivalent License to practice School Psychology  
25 in that state upon application by a Licensee who satisfies the criteria of G.S. 115C-270.43(a).  
26 Each Member State shall grant renewal of the Equivalent License to a Licensee who satisfies the  
27 criteria of G.S. 115C-270.43(b).

28 (c) Member States may set and collect a fee for granting an Equivalent License.

29 **"§ 115C-270.43. School psychologist participation in the Compact.**

30 (a) To obtain and maintain an Equivalent License from a Remote State under this  
31 Compact, a Licensee must satisfy the following:

32 (1) Hold and maintain an active Home State License.

33 (2) Satisfy any applicable State Specific Requirements established by the  
34 Member State after an Equivalent License is granted.

35 (3) Complete any administrative or application requirements which the  
36 Commission may establish by Rule and pay any associated fees.

37 (4) Complete any requirements for renewal in the Home State, including  
38 applicable Continuing Professional Education requirements.

39 (5) Upon their application to receive a license under this Compact, undergo a  
40 criminal background check in the Member State in which the Equivalent  
41 License is sought in accordance with the laws and regulations of such Member  
42 State.

43 (b) To renew an Equivalent License in a Member State other than the Home State, a  
44 Licensee must only apply for renewal, complete a background check, and pay renewal fees as  
45 determined by the Licensing Authority.

46 **"§ 115C-270.44. Active Military Members or their spouses.**

47 A Licensee who is an Active Military Member or is the spouse of an Active Military Member  
48 shall be deemed to hold a Home State License in any of the following locations:

49 (1) The Licensee's permanent residence.

50 (2) A Member State that is the Licensee's primary state of practice.

- 1           (3)    A Member State where the Licensee has relocated pursuant to a Permanent  
2           Change of Station (PCS).

3    **"§ 115C-270.45. Discipline/adverse actions.**

4           (a)    Nothing in this Compact shall be deemed or construed to limit the authority of a  
5    Member State to investigate or impose disciplinary measures on Licensees according to the State  
6    Practice Laws thereof.

7           (b)    Member States shall be authorized to receive, and shall provide, files and information  
8    regarding the investigation and discipline, if any, of Licensees in other Member States upon  
9    request. Any Member State receiving such information or files shall protect and maintain the  
10   security and confidentiality thereof, in at least the same manner that it maintains its own  
11   investigatory or disciplinary files and information. Prior to disclosing any disciplinary or  
12   investigatory information received from another Member State, the disclosing state shall  
13   communicate its intention and purpose for such disclosure to the Member State which originally  
14   provided that information.

15    **"§ 115C-270.46. Establishment of the School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact**  
16    **Commission.**

17           (a)    The Member States hereby create and establish a joint government agency whose  
18    membership consists of all Member States that have enacted the Compact, and this agency shall  
19    be known as the School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact Commission. The  
20    Commission is an instrumentality of the Member States acting jointly and not an instrumentality  
21    of any one state. The Commission shall come into existence on or after the effective date of the  
22    Compact as set forth in G.S. 115C-270.50.

23           (b)    Membership, Voting, and Meetings.

24           (1)    Each Member State shall have and be limited to one delegate selected by that  
25           Member State's State Licensing Authority.

26           (2)    The delegate shall be the primary administrative officer of the Member State  
27           Licensing Authority or their designee who is an employee of the Member  
28           State Licensing Authority.

29           (3)    The Commission shall by Rule or bylaw establish a term of office for  
30           delegates and may by Rule or bylaw establish term limits.

31           (4)    The Commission may recommend removal or suspension of any delegate  
32           from office.

33           (5)    A Member State's Licensing Authority shall fill any vacancy of its delegate  
34           occurring on the Commission within 60 days of the vacancy.

35           (6)    Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote on all matters before the  
36           Commission requiring a vote by Commission delegates.

37           (7)    A delegate shall vote in person or by such other means as provided in the  
38           bylaws. The bylaws may provide for delegates to meet by telecommunication,  
39           videoconference, or other means of communication.

40           (8)    The Commission shall meet at least once during each calendar year.  
41           Additional meetings may be held as set forth in the bylaws. The Commission  
42           may meet by telecommunication, video conference, or other similar electronic  
43           means.

44           (c)    The Commission shall have the following powers:

45           (1)    Establish the fiscal year of the Commission.

46           (2)    Establish code of conduct and conflict of interest policies.

47           (3)    Establish and amend Rules and bylaws.

48           (4)    Establish the procedure through which a Licensee may change their Home  
49           State.

50           (5)    Maintain its financial records in accordance with the bylaws.

- 1           (6)   Meet and take such actions as are consistent with the provisions of this  
2           Compact, the Commission's Rules, and the bylaws.
- 3           (7)   Initiate and conclude legal proceedings or actions in the name of the  
4           Commission, provided that the standing of any Member State Licensing  
5           Authority to sue or be sued under applicable law shall not be affected.
- 6           (8)   Maintain and certify records and information provided to a Member State as  
7           the authenticated business records of the Commission and designate an agent  
8           to do so on the Commission's behalf.
- 9           (9)   Purchase and maintain insurance and bonds.
- 10          (10)  Borrow, accept, or contract for services of personnel, including, but not  
11          limited to, employees of a Member State.
- 12          (11)  Conduct an annual financial review.
- 13          (12)  Hire employees, elect or appoint officers, fix compensation, define duties,  
14          grant such individuals appropriate authority to carry out the purposes of the  
15          Compact, and establish the Commission's personnel policies and programs  
16          relating to conflicts of interest, qualifications of personnel, and other related  
17          personnel matters.
- 18          (13)  Assess and collect fees.
- 19          (14)  Accept any and all appropriate gifts, donations, grants of money, other sources  
20          of revenue, equipment, supplies, materials, and services and receive, utilize,  
21          and dispose of the same; provided that at all times the Commission shall avoid  
22          any appearance of impropriety and/or conflict of interest.
- 23          (15)  Lease, purchase, retain, own, hold, improve, or use any property, real,  
24          personal, or mixed, or any undivided interest therein.
- 25          (16)  Sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, abandon, or otherwise  
26          dispose of any property real, personal, or mixed.
- 27          (17)  Establish a budget and make expenditures.
- 28          (18)  Borrow money.
- 29          (19)  Appoint committees, including standing committees, composed of members,  
30          state regulators, state legislators or their representatives, and consumer  
31          representatives, and such other interested persons as may be designated in this  
32          Compact and the bylaws.
- 33          (20)  Provide and receive information from, and cooperate with, law enforcement  
34          agencies.
- 35          (21)  Establish and elect an Executive Committee, including a Chair and a  
36          Vice-Chair.
- 37          (22)  Determine whether a state's adopted language is materially different from the  
38          Model Compact language such that the state would not qualify for  
39          participation in the Compact.
- 40          (23)  Perform such other functions as may be necessary or appropriate to achieve  
41          the purposes of this Compact.
- 42          (d)   The Executive Committee.
- 43                (1)   The Executive Committee shall have the power to act on behalf of the  
44                Commission according to the terms of this Compact. The powers, duties, and  
45                responsibilities of the Executive Committee shall include the following:
- 46                    a.   Oversee the day-to-day activities of the administration of the Compact,  
47                    including enforcement and compliance with the provisions of the  
48                    Compact, its Rules and bylaws, and other such duties as deemed  
49                    necessary.



- 1            b. Recommend to the Commission changes to the Rules or bylaws,  
2            changes to this Compact legislation, fees charged to Member States,  
3            fees charged to Licensees, and other fees.  
4            c. Ensure Compact administration services are appropriately provided,  
5            including by contract.  
6            d. Prepare and recommend the budget.  
7            e. Maintain financial records on behalf of the Commission.  
8            f. Monitor Compact compliance of Member States and provide  
9            compliance reports to the Commission.  
10           g. Establish additional committees as necessary.  
11           h. Exercise the powers and duties of the Commission during the interim  
12           between Commission meetings, except for adopting or amending  
13           Rules, adopting or amending bylaws, and exercising any other powers  
14           and duties expressly reserved to the Commission by Rule or bylaw.  
15           i. Other duties as provided in the Rules or bylaws of the Commission.  
16        (2) The Executive Committee shall be composed of up to seven members as  
17        follows:  
18           a. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Commission shall be voting members  
19           of the Executive Committee.  
20           b. The Commission shall elect five voting members from the current  
21           membership of the Commission.  
22        (3) The Commission may remove any member of the Executive Committee as  
23        provided in the Commission's bylaws.  
24        (4) The Executive Committee shall meet at least annually as follows:  
25           a. Executive Committee meetings shall be open to the public, except that  
26           the Executive Committee may meet in a closed, nonpublic meeting as  
27           provided in subdivision (2) of subsection (f) of this section.  
28           b. The Executive Committee shall give 30 days' notice of its meetings,  
29           posted on its website and as determined to provide notice to persons  
30           with an interest in the business of the Commission.  
31           c. The Executive Committee may hold a special meeting in accordance  
32           with sub-subdivision b. of subdivision (1) of subsection (f) of this  
33           section.  
34        (e) The Commission shall adopt and provide to the Member States an annual report.  
35        (f) Meetings of the Commission.  
36           (1) All meetings shall be open to the public as follows, except that the  
37           Commission may meet in a closed, nonpublic meeting as provided in  
38           subdivision (2) of this subsection.  
39           a. Public notice for all meetings of the full Commission shall be given in  
40           the same manner as required under the Rulemaking provisions in  
41           G.S. 115C-270.48, except that the Commission may hold a special  
42           meeting as provided in sub-subdivision b. of this subdivision.  
43           b. The Commission may hold a special meeting when it must meet to  
44           conduct emergency business by giving 48 hours' notice to all  
45           commissioners, on the Commission's website, and other means as  
46           provided in the Commission's Rules. The Commission's legal counsel  
47           shall certify that the Commission's need to meet qualifies as an  
48           emergency.  
49           (2) The Commission or the Executive Committee or other committees of the  
50           Commission may convene in a closed, nonpublic meeting for the Commission

- 1 or Executive Committee or other committees of the Commission to receive  
2 legal advice or to discuss the following:
- 3 a. Noncompliance of a Member State with its obligations under the  
4 Compact.
  - 5 b. The employment, compensation, discipline, or other matters,  
6 practices, or procedures related to specific employees.
  - 7 c. Current or threatened discipline of a Licensee by the Commission or  
8 by a Member State's Licensing Authority.
  - 9 d. Current, threatened, or reasonably anticipated litigation.
  - 10 e. Negotiation of contracts for the purchase, lease, or sale of goods,  
11 services, or real estate.
  - 12 f. Accusing any person of a crime or formally censuring any person.
  - 13 g. Trade secrets or commercial or financial information that is privileged  
14 or confidential.
  - 15 h. Information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a  
16 clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.
  - 17 i. Investigative records compiled for law enforcement purposes.
  - 18 j. Information related to any investigative reports prepared by or on  
19 behalf of or for use of the Commission or other committee charged  
20 with responsibility of investigation or determination of compliance  
21 issues pursuant to the Compact.
  - 22 k. Matters specifically exempted from disclosure by federal or Member  
23 State law.
  - 24 l. Other matters as promulgated by the Commission by Rule.
- 25 (3) If a meeting, or portion of a meeting, is closed, the presiding officer shall state  
26 that the meeting will be closed and reference each relevant exempting  
27 provision, and such reference shall be recorded in the minutes.
- 28 (4) The Commission shall keep minutes that fully and clearly describe all matters  
29 discussed in a meeting and shall provide a full and accurate summary of  
30 actions taken, and the reasons therefore, including a description of the views  
31 expressed. All documents considered in connection with an action shall be  
32 identified in such minutes. All minutes and documents of a closed meeting  
33 shall remain under seal, subject to release only by a majority vote of the  
34 Commission or order of a court of competent jurisdiction.
- 35 (g) Financing of the Commission.
- 36 (1) The Commission shall pay, or provide for the payment of, the reasonable  
37 expenses of its establishment, organization, and ongoing activities.
  - 38 (2) The Commission may accept any and all appropriate revenue sources as  
39 provided in subdivision (13) of subsection (c) of this section.
  - 40 (3) The Commission may levy on and collect an annual assessment from each  
41 Member State and impose fees on Licensees practicing in the Member States  
42 under an Equivalent License to cover the cost of the operations and activities  
43 of the Commission and its staff, which must be in a total amount sufficient to  
44 cover its annual budget as approved each year for which revenue is not  
45 provided by other sources. The aggregate annual assessment amount for  
46 Member States shall be allocated based upon a formula that the Commission  
47 shall promulgate by Rule.
  - 48 (4) The Commission shall not incur obligations of any kind prior to securing the  
49 funds adequate to meet the same, nor shall the Commission pledge the credit  
50 of any of the Member States, except by and with the authority of the Member  
51 State.

1           (5)    The Commission shall keep accurate accounts of all receipts and  
2           disbursements. The receipts and disbursements of the Commission shall be  
3           subject to the financial review and accounting procedures established under  
4           its bylaws. However, all receipts and disbursements of funds handled by the  
5           Commission shall be subject to an annual financial review by a certified or  
6           licensed public accountant, and the report of the financial review shall be  
7           included in and become part of the annual report of the Commission.

8           (h)    Qualified Immunity, Defense, and Indemnification.

9           (1)    The members, officers, executive director, employees, and representatives of  
10          the Commission shall be immune from suit and liability, both personally and  
11          in their official capacity, for any claim for damage to or loss of property or  
12          personal injury or other civil liability caused by or arising out of any actual or  
13          alleged act, error, or omission that occurred, or that the person against whom  
14          the claim is made had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the  
15          scope of Commission employment, duties, or responsibilities; provided that  
16          nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to protect any such person from  
17          suit or liability for any damage, loss, injury, or liability caused by the  
18          intentional or willful or wanton misconduct of that person. The procurement  
19          of insurance of any type by the Commission shall not in any way compromise  
20          or limit the immunity granted hereunder.

21          (2)    The Commission shall defend any member, officer, executive director,  
22          employee, and representative of the Commission in any civil action seeking  
23          to impose liability arising out of any actual or alleged act, error, or omission  
24          that occurred within the scope of Commission employment, duties, or  
25          responsibilities, or as determined by the Commission that the person against  
26          whom the claim is made had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within  
27          the scope of Commission employment, duties, or responsibilities; provided  
28          that nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit that person from retaining  
29          their own counsel at their own expense; and provided further, that the actual  
30          or alleged act, error, or omission did not result from that person's intentional  
31          or willful or wanton misconduct.

32          (3)    The Commission shall indemnify and hold harmless any member, officer,  
33          executive director, employee, and representative of the Commission for the  
34          amount of any settlement or judgment obtained against that person arising out  
35          of any actual or alleged act, error, or omission that occurred within the scope  
36          of Commission employment, duties, or responsibilities, or that such person  
37          had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the scope of Commission  
38          employment, duties, or responsibilities, provided that the actual or alleged act,  
39          error, or omission did not result from the intentional or willful or wanton  
40          misconduct of that person.

41          (4)    Nothing herein shall be construed as a limitation on the liability of any  
42          licensee for professional malpractice or misconduct, which shall be governed  
43          solely by any other applicable state laws.

44          (5)    Nothing in this Compact shall be interpreted to waive or otherwise abrogate a  
45          Member State's state action immunity or state action affirmative defense with  
46          respect to antitrust claims under the Sherman Act, Clayton Act, or any other  
47          state or federal antitrust or anticompetitive law or regulation.

48          (6)    Nothing in this Compact shall be construed to be a waiver of sovereign  
49          immunity by the Member States or by the Commission.

50    § 115C-270.47. Facilitating information exchange.

1       (a) The Commission shall provide for facilitating the exchange of information to  
2 administer and implement the provisions of this Compact in accordance with the Rules of the  
3 Commission, consistent with generally accepted data protection principles.

4       (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of state law to the contrary, a Member State shall  
5 agree to provide for the facilitation of the following Licensee information as required by the  
6 Rules of the Commission, including:

7           (1) Identifying information.

8           (2) Licensure data.

9           (3) Adverse Actions against a Licensee and information related thereto.

10          (4) Nonconfidential information related to Alternative Program participation, the  
11 beginning and ending dates of such participation, and other information  
12 related to such participation not made confidential under Member State law.

13          (5) Any denial of application for licensure, and the reason(s) for such denial.

14          (6) The presence of investigative information.

15          (7) Other information that may facilitate the administration of this Compact or the  
16 protection of the public, as determined by the Rules of the Commission.

17       (c) Nothing in this Compact shall be deemed or construed to alter, limit, or inhibit the  
18 power of a Member State to control and maintain ownership of its Licensee information or alter,  
19 limit, or inhibit the laws or regulations governing Licensee information in the Member State.

20 **"§ 115C-270.48. Rulemaking.**

21       (a) The Commission shall exercise its Rulemaking powers pursuant to the criteria set  
22 forth in this interstate compact and the Rules adopted thereunder. Rules and amendments shall  
23 become binding as of the date specified in each Rule or amendment.

24       (b) The Commission shall promulgate reasonable Rules to achieve the intent and purpose  
25 of this interstate compact. In the event the Commission exercises its Rulemaking authority in a  
26 manner that is beyond the purpose and intent of this interstate compact, or the powers granted  
27 hereunder, then such an action by the Commission shall be invalid and have no force and effect  
28 of law in the Member States.

29       (c) If a majority of the legislatures of the Member States reject a Rule, by enactment of a  
30 statute or resolution in the same manner used to adopt the Compact within four years of the date  
31 of adoption of the Rule, then such Rule shall have no further force and effect in any Member  
32 State.

33       (d) Rules or amendments to the Rules shall be adopted or ratified at a regular or special  
34 meeting of the Commission in accordance with Commission Rules and bylaws.

35       (e) Prior to promulgation and adoption of a final Rule or Rules by the Commission, and  
36 at least 30 days in advance of the meeting at which the Rule will be considered and voted upon,  
37 the Commission shall file a notice of proposed Rulemaking:

38           (1) On the website of the Commission or other publicly accessible platform; and

39           (2) On the website of each Member State Licensing Authority or other publicly  
40 accessible platform or the publication in which each state would otherwise  
41 publish proposed Rules.

42       (f) Upon determination that an emergency exists, the Commission may consider and  
43 adopt an emergency Rule with 48 hours' notice, with opportunity to comment, provided that the  
44 usual Rulemaking procedures shall be retroactively applied to the Rule as soon as reasonably  
45 possible, in no event later than 90 days after the effective date of the Rule. For the purposes of  
46 this provision, an emergency Rule is one that must be adopted immediately in order to accomplish  
47 the following:

48           (1) Meet an imminent threat to public health, safety, or welfare.

49           (2) Prevent a loss of Commission or Member State funds.

50           (3) Meet a deadline for the promulgation of an administrative Rule that is  
51 established by federal law or Rule.

1 (4) Protect public health and safety.

2 **"§ 115C-270.49. Oversight, dispute resolution, and enforcement.**

3 (a) Oversight.

4 (1) The executive and judicial branches of the state government in each Member  
5 State shall enforce this Compact and take all actions necessary and appropriate  
6 to implement the Compact.

7 (2) Venue is proper and judicial proceedings by or against the Commission shall  
8 be brought solely and exclusively in a court of competent jurisdiction where  
9 the principal office of the Commission is located. The Commission may waive  
10 venue and jurisdictional defenses to the extent it adopts or consents to  
11 participate in alternative dispute resolution proceedings. Nothing herein shall  
12 affect or limit the selection or propriety of venue in any action against a  
13 Licensee for professional malpractice, misconduct, or any such similar matter.

14 (3) The Commission shall be entitled to receive service of process in any  
15 proceeding regarding the enforcement or interpretation of the Compact and  
16 shall have standing to intervene in such a proceeding for all purposes. Failure  
17 to provide the Commission service of process shall render a judgment or order  
18 void as to the Commission, this Compact, or promulgated Rules.

19 (b) Default, Technical Assistance, and Termination.

20 (1) If the Commission determines that a Member State has defaulted in the  
21 performance of its obligations or responsibilities under this Compact or the  
22 promulgated Rules, the Commission shall provide written notice to the  
23 defaulting state. The notice of default shall describe the default, the proposed  
24 means of curing the default, and any other action that the Commission may  
25 take and shall offer training and specific technical assistance regarding the  
26 default.

27 (2) The Commission shall provide a copy of the notice of default to the other  
28 Member States.

29 (c) If a state in default fails to cure the default, the defaulting state may be terminated  
30 from the Compact upon an affirmative vote of a supermajority of the delegates of the Member  
31 States, and all rights, privileges, and benefits conferred on that state by this Compact may be  
32 terminated on the effective date of termination. A cure of the default does not relieve the  
33 offending state of obligations or liabilities incurred during the period of default.

34 (d) Termination of membership in the Compact shall be imposed only after all other  
35 means of securing compliance have been exhausted. Notice of intent to suspend or terminate  
36 shall be given by the Commission to the governor, the majority and minority leaders of the  
37 defaulting state's legislature, the defaulting State's Licensing Authority, and each of the Member  
38 States' Licensing Authorities.

39 (e) A state that has been terminated is responsible for all assessments, obligations, and  
40 liabilities incurred through the effective date of termination, including obligations that extend  
41 beyond the effective date of termination.

42 (f) Upon the termination of a state's membership from this Compact, that state shall  
43 immediately provide notice to all Licensees within that state of such termination. The terminated  
44 state shall continue to recognize all Licenses granted pursuant to this Compact for a minimum of  
45 six months after the date of said notice of termination.

46 (g) The Commission shall not bear any costs related to a state that is found to be in default  
47 or that has been terminated from the Compact, unless agreed upon in writing between the  
48 Commission and the defaulting state.

49 (h) The defaulting state may appeal the action of the Commission by petitioning the U.S.  
50 District Court for the District of Columbia or the federal district where the Commission has its

1 principal offices. The prevailing party shall be awarded all costs of such litigation, including  
2 reasonable attorneys' fees.

3 (i) Dispute Resolution.

4 (1) Upon request by a Member State, the Commission shall attempt to resolve  
5 disputes related to the Compact that arise among Member States and between  
6 Member and non-Member States.

7 (2) The Commission shall promulgate a Rule providing for both mediation and  
8 binding dispute resolution for disputes as appropriate.

9 (j) Enforcement.

10 (1) By majority vote as provided by Rule, the Commission may initiate legal  
11 action against a Member State in default in the U.S. District Court for the  
12 District of Columbia or the federal district where the Commission has its  
13 principal offices to enforce compliance with the provisions of the Compact  
14 and its promulgated Rules. The relief sought may include both injunctive  
15 relief and damages. In the event judicial enforcement is necessary, the  
16 prevailing party shall be awarded all costs of such litigation, including  
17 reasonable attorneys' fees. The remedies herein shall not be the exclusive  
18 remedies of the Commission. The Commission may pursue any other  
19 remedies available under federal or the defaulting Member State's law.

20 (2) A Member State may initiate legal action against the Commission in the U.S.  
21 District Court for the District of Columbia or the federal district where the  
22 Commission has its principal offices to enforce compliance with the  
23 provisions of the Compact and its promulgated Rules. The relief sought may  
24 include both injunctive relief and damages. In the event judicial enforcement  
25 is necessary, the prevailing party shall be awarded all costs of such litigation,  
26 including reasonable attorneys' fees.

27 (3) No person other than a Member State shall enforce this Compact against the  
28 Commission.

29 **"§ 115C-270.50. Effective date, withdrawal, and amendment.**

30 (a) The Compact shall come into effect on the date on which the Compact statute is  
31 enacted into law in the seventh Member State.

32 (1) On or after the effective date of the Compact indicated above, the Commission  
33 shall convene and review the enactment of each of the Charter Member States  
34 to determine if the statute enacted by each such Charter Member State is  
35 materially different than the model Compact statute.

36 a. A Charter Member State whose enactment is found to be materially  
37 different from the model Compact statute shall be entitled to the  
38 default process set forth in G.S. 115C-270.49.

39 b. If any Member State is later found to be in default, or is terminated or  
40 withdraws from the Compact, the Commission shall remain in  
41 existence and the Compact shall remain in effect even if the number  
42 of Member States should be less than seven.

43 (2) Member States enacting the Compact subsequent to the Charter Member  
44 States shall be subject to the process set forth in subdivision (22) of subsection  
45 (c) of G.S. 115C-470.46 to determine if their enactments are materially  
46 different from the model Compact statute and whether they qualify for  
47 participation in the Compact.

48 (3) All actions taken for the benefit of the Commission or in furtherance of the  
49 purposes of the administration of the Compact prior to the effective date of  
50 the Compact or the Commission coming into existence shall be considered to

1 be actions of the Commission unless specifically repudiated by the  
2 Commission.

3 a. Any state that joins the Compact subsequent to the Commission's  
4 initial adoption of the Rules and bylaws shall be subject to the Rules  
5 and bylaws as they exist on the date on which the Compact becomes  
6 law in that state. Any Rule that has been previously adopted by the  
7 Commission shall have the full force and effect of law on the day the  
8 Compact becomes law in that state.

9 b. Any Member State may withdraw from this Compact by enacting a  
10 statute repealing the same.

11 (b) A Member State's withdrawal shall not take effect until 180 days after enactment of  
12 the repealing statute.

13 (c) Withdrawal shall not affect the continuing requirement of the withdrawing State's  
14 Licensing Authority to comply with the investigative and Adverse Action reporting requirements  
15 of this Compact prior to the effective date of withdrawal.

16 (d) Upon the enactment of a statute withdrawing from this Compact, a state shall  
17 immediately provide notice of such withdrawal to all Licensees within that state.  
18 Notwithstanding any subsequent statutory enactment to the contrary, such withdrawing state  
19 shall continue to recognize all Licenses granted pursuant to this Compact for a minimum of six  
20 months after the date of such notice of withdrawal.

21 (1) Nothing contained in this Compact shall be construed to invalidate or prevent  
22 any licensure agreement or other cooperative arrangement between a Member  
23 State and a non-Member State that does not conflict with the provisions of this  
24 Compact.

25 (2) This Compact may be amended by the Member States. No amendment to this  
26 Compact shall become effective and binding upon any Member State until it  
27 is enacted into the laws of all Member States.

28 **"§ 115C-270.51. Construction and severability.**

29 (a) This Compact and the Commission's Rulemaking authority shall be liberally  
30 construed so as to effectuate the purposes and the implementation and administration of the  
31 Compact. Provisions of the Compact expressly authorizing or requiring the promulgation of  
32 Rules shall not be construed to limit the Commission's Rulemaking authority solely for those  
33 purposes.

34 (b) The provisions of this Compact shall be severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence,  
35 or provision of this Compact is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to the  
36 constitution of any Member State, a state seeking participation in the Compact, or of the United  
37 States, or the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person, or circumstance is held to  
38 be unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the validity of the remainder of this  
39 Compact and the applicability thereof to any other government, agency, person, or circumstance  
40 shall not be affected thereby.

41 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this section, the Commission may deny a state's  
42 participation in the Compact or, in accordance with the requirements of subsection (b) of  
43 G.S. 115C-270.49, terminate a Member State's participation in the Compact, if it determines that  
44 a constitutional requirement of a Member State is a material departure from the Compact.  
45 Otherwise, if this Compact shall be held to be contrary to the constitution of any Member State,  
46 the Compact shall remain in full force and effect as to the remaining Member States and in full  
47 force and effect as to the Member State affected as to all severable matters.

48 **"§ 115C-270.52. Consistent effect and conflict with other state laws.**

49 (a) Nothing herein shall prevent or inhibit the enforcement of any other law of a Member  
50 State that is not inconsistent with the Compact.

1       (b) Any laws, statutes, regulations, or other legal requirements in a Member State in  
2 conflict with the Compact are superseded to the extent of the conflict. All permissible agreements  
3 between the Commission and the Member States are binding in accordance with their terms."

4       **SECTION 6.(b)** G.S. 115C-12 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

5       "(50) Duty to Fulfill Requirements Related to School Psychologist Interstate  
6 Licensure Compact. – The State Board of Education shall be the State  
7 Licensing Authority or Licensing Authority for purposes of Article 17F of this  
8 Chapter and shall fulfill any requirements, duties, or obligations of the State  
9 Licensing Authority or Licensing Authority pursuant to that Article."

10       **SECTION 6.(c)** The section is effective when it becomes law.

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12 **PART VII. EFFECTIVE DATE**

13       **SECTION 7.** Except as otherwise provided, this act becomes effective July 1, 2025.