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HOUSE BILL DRH10386-NN-31

Short Title: Require Licensure of Educational Interpreters. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Blackwell.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REMOVE THE EXEMPTION FOR EDUCATIONAL INTERPRETERS OR
3 TRANSLITERATORS FROM THE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NORTH
4 CAROLINA INTERPRETER AND TRANSLITERATOR LICENSURE ACT.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.(a)** G.S. 90D-3 reads as rewritten:

7 **"§ 90D-3. Definitions.**

8 The following definitions apply in this Chapter:

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10 (3) Educational interpreter or transliterator. – A person who provides accessible
11 communication, using the most understandable language model, to
12 individuals in prekindergarten through grade 12 or in any institution of higher
13 education.

14 ...

15 (9) Transliterator. – A person who practices the art of transliterating as defined in
16 this section. The term includes an educational interpreter or transliterator as
17 defined in subdivision (3) of this section."

18 **SECTION 1.(b)** G.S. 90D-4(b) reads as rewritten:

19 "(b) The provisions of this Chapter do not apply to:

20 ...

21 ~~(5) Educational interpreters or transliterators.~~

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23 **SECTION 1.(c)** G.S. 115C-110.2 reads as rewritten:

24 **"§ 115C-110.2. Interpreters/transl iterators.**

25 Each interpreter or transliterator employed by a local educational agency to provide services
26 to hearing-impaired students must annually complete 15 hours of job-related training that has
27 been approved by the local educational agency. Continuing education hours required for license
28 renewal under Chapter 90D of the General Statutes may be applied toward the 15 hours of
29 job-related training, to the extent those hours are relevant to the interpreter's or transliterator's
30 job-based duties and approved by the local educational agency."

31 **SECTION 1.(d)** The North Carolina Interpreter and Transliterator Licensing Board
32 and the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction may adopt rules to implement the
33 provisions of this section.

34 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2026.



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