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HOUSE BILL DRH40481-NG-36

Short Title: Montessori Teaching License. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Cotham.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A NEW CLASS OF TEACHING LICENSE THAT MAY ONLY  
3 BE USED AT A SCHOOL USING MONTESSORI INSTRUCTION AS ITS PRIMARY  
4 METHOD OF INSTRUCTION.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-270.20(a) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

7 "(7) Montessori license. – A license that allows the holder of the license to teach  
8 only in a school that uses Montessori instruction as its primary method of  
9 instruction. An individual holding a license pursuant to this subdivision may  
10 not teach students in a public school that is not a Montessori school unless the  
11 individual holds another license issued by the State for public school teachers.  
12 To receive this license, an individual shall meet the following criteria:

13 a. Hold a valid credential from any of the following groups:

14 1. The American Montessori Society.

15 2. The Association Montessori Internationale.

16 3. A program accredited by the Montessori Accreditation Council  
17 for Teacher Education.

18 b. Hold a bachelor's degree in any field.

19 c. Complete any examination requirements adopted by the State Board."

20 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to applicants for

21 Montessori licenses on or after that date.



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