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SENATE BILL DRS35371-DEa-9

Short Title: Teacher Licensure Modifications. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators McInnis, Lee, and Burgin (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REMOVE TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO AN
3 EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM, TO MODIFY THE TEACHER LICENSURE
4 EXAM TIME LINE, AND TO MODIFY TEACHER LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR
5 OUT-OF-STATE APPLICANTS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-269.15(a) is repealed.

8 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 115C-270.15(c) reads as rewritten:

9 "(c) Time Line for Completion of Examinations. – The State Board of Education shall
10 permit an applicant to fulfill any such examination requirement before or during the third year of
11 licensure, ~~provided the applicant took the examination at least once during the first year of~~
12 ~~licensure.licensure.~~"

13 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 115C-270.25 reads as rewritten:

14 "**§ 115C-270.25. Out-of-state license applicants.**

15 The State Board of Education shall grant a CPL to a teacher licensed in another state ~~with~~
16 ~~substantially similar licensure requirements~~ who has at least three years of teaching experience
17 and is in good standing with the other state."

18 **SECTION 4.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
19 Public Instruction the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) in nonrecurring funds for the
20 2026-2027 fiscal year for the purpose of implementing the requirements of this act.

21 **SECTION 4.(b)** This section becomes effective July 1, 2026.

22 **SECTION 5.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes
23 law.



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