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Short Title: Interstate Compact for School Psychologists. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Pickett.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ADOPT THE INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS
3 AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A VIRTUAL SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY
4 TRAINING PROGRAM.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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7 **PART I. INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS**

8 **SECTION 1.(a)** Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
9 Article to read:

10 "Article 17F.

11 "School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact.

12 **"§ 115C-270.40. Purpose.**

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

- 21 (1) Enables School Psychologists who qualify for receipt of an Equivalent
22 License to practice in other Member States without first satisfying
23 burdensome and duplicative requirements.
24 (2) Promotes the mobility of School Psychologists between and among the
25 Member States in order to address workforce shortages and to ensure that safe
26 and reliable School Psychological Services are available in each Member
27 State.
28 (3) Enhances the public accessibility of School Psychological Services by
29 increasing the availability of qualified, licensed School Psychologists through
30 the establishment of an efficient and streamlined pathway for Licensees to
31 practice in other Member States.
32 (4) Preserves and respects the authority of each Member State to protect the health
33 and safety of its residents by ensuring that only qualified, licensed
34 professionals are authorized to provide School Psychological Services within
35 that state.



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- 1 (5) Requires School Psychologists practicing within a Member State to comply
2 with the Scope of Practice laws present in the state where the School
3 Psychological Services are being provided.
4 (6) Promotes cooperation between the Member States in regulating the practice
5 of School Psychology within those states.
6 (7) Facilitates the relocation of military members and their spouses who are
7 licensed to provide School Psychological Services.

8 **"§ 115C-270.41. Definitions.**

9 The following definitions shall apply in this Article:

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

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

1 (29) State Licensing Authority. – A Member State's regulatory body responsible
2 for issuing Licenses or otherwise overseeing the Practice of School
3 Psychology.

4 (30) State Specific Requirement. – A requirement for licensure covered in
5 coursework or examination that includes content of unique interest to the state.

6 (31) Unencumbered License. – A License that authorizes a Licensee to engage in
7 the full and unrestricted Practice of School Psychology.

8 **"§ 115C-270.42. State participation in the Compact.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 a. Taken and passed a Qualifying National Exam as defined by the Rules
26 of the Commission.

27 b. Completed a minimum of 1,200 hours of supervised internship, of
28 which at least 600 must have been completed in a School, prior to
29 being approved for licensure.

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

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

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

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

37 **"§ 115C-270.43. School psychologist participation in the Compact.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4 **"§ 115C-270.44. Active Military Members or their spouses.**

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

- 7 (1) The Licensee's permanent residence.
- 8 (2) A Member State that is the Licensee's primary state of practice.
- 9 (3) A Member State where the Licensee has relocated pursuant to a Permanent
10 Change of Station (PCS).

11 **"§ 115C-270.45. Discipline/adverse actions.**

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

15 (b) Member States shall be authorized to receive, and shall provide, files and information
16 regarding the investigation and discipline, if any, of Licensees in other Member States upon
17 request. Any Member State receiving such information or files shall protect and maintain the
18 security and confidentiality thereof, in at least the same manner that it maintains its own
19 investigatory or disciplinary files and information. Prior to disclosing any disciplinary or
20 investigatory information received from another Member State, the disclosing state shall
21 communicate its intention and purpose for such disclosure to the Member State which originally
22 provided that information.

23 **"§ 115C-270.46. Establishment of the School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact**
24 **Commission.**

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

31 (b) Membership, Voting, and Meetings.

- 32 (1) Each Member State shall have and be limited to one delegate selected by that
33 Member State's State Licensing Authority.
- 34 (2) The delegate shall be the primary administrative officer of the Member State
35 Licensing Authority or their designee who is an employee of the Member
36 State Licensing Authority.
- 37 (3) The Commission shall by Rule or bylaw establish a term of office for
38 delegates and may by Rule or bylaw establish term limits.
- 39 (4) The Commission may recommend removal or suspension of any delegate
40 from office.
- 41 (5) A Member State's Licensing Authority shall fill any vacancy of its delegate
42 occurring on the Commission within 60 days of the vacancy.
- 43 (6) Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote on all matters before the
44 Commission requiring a vote by Commission delegates.
- 45 (7) A delegate shall vote in person or by such other means as provided in the
46 bylaws. The bylaws may provide for delegates to meet by telecommunication,
47 videoconference, or other means of communication.
- 48 (8) The Commission shall meet at least once during each calendar year.
49 Additional meetings may be held as set forth in the bylaws. The Commission
50 may meet by telecommunication, video conference, or other similar electronic
51 means.

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

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

- 1 commissioners, on the Commission's website, and other means as
2 provided in the Commission's Rules. The Commission's legal counsel
3 shall certify that the Commission's need to meet qualifies as an
4 emergency.
- 5 (2) The Commission or the Executive Committee or other committees of the
6 Commission may convene in a closed, nonpublic meeting for the Commission
7 or Executive Committee or other committees of the Commission to receive
8 legal advice or to discuss the following:
- 9 a. Noncompliance of a Member State with its obligations under the
10 Compact.
- 11 b. The employment, compensation, discipline, or other matters,
12 practices, or procedures related to specific employees.
- 13 c. Current or threatened discipline of a Licensee by the Commission or
14 by a Member State's Licensing Authority.
- 15 d. Current, threatened, or reasonably anticipated litigation.
- 16 e. Negotiation of contracts for the purchase, lease, or sale of goods,
17 services, or real estate.
- 18 f. Accusing any person of a crime or formally censuring any person.
- 19 g. Trade secrets or commercial or financial information that is privileged
20 or confidential.
- 21 h. Information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a
22 clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.
- 23 i. Investigative records compiled for law enforcement purposes.
- 24 j. Information related to any investigative reports prepared by or on
25 behalf of or for use of the Commission or other committee charged
26 with responsibility of investigation or determination of compliance
27 issues pursuant to the Compact.
- 28 k. Matters specifically exempted from disclosure by federal or Member
29 State law.
- 30 l. Other matters as promulgated by the Commission by Rule.
- 31 (3) If a meeting, or portion of a meeting, is closed, the presiding officer shall state
32 that the meeting will be closed and reference each relevant exempting
33 provision, and such reference shall be recorded in the minutes.
- 34 (4) The Commission shall keep minutes that fully and clearly describe all matters
35 discussed in a meeting and shall provide a full and accurate summary of
36 actions taken, and the reasons therefore, including a description of the views
37 expressed. All documents considered in connection with an action shall be
38 identified in such minutes. All minutes and documents of a closed meeting
39 shall remain under seal, subject to release only by a majority vote of the
40 Commission or order of a court of competent jurisdiction.
- 41 (g) Financing of the Commission.
- 42 (1) The Commission shall pay, or provide for the payment of, the reasonable
43 expenses of its establishment, organization, and ongoing activities.
- 44 (2) The Commission may accept any and all appropriate revenue sources as
45 provided in subdivision (13) of subsection (c) of this section.
- 46 (3) The Commission may levy on and collect an annual assessment from each
47 Member State and impose fees on Licensees practicing in the Member States
48 under an Equivalent License to cover the cost of the operations and activities
49 of the Commission and its staff, which must be in a total amount sufficient to
50 cover its annual budget as approved each year for which revenue is not
51 provided by other sources. The aggregate annual assessment amount for

- 1 Member States shall be allocated based upon a formula that the Commission
2 shall promulgate by Rule.
- 3 (4) The Commission shall not incur obligations of any kind prior to securing the
4 funds adequate to meet the same, nor shall the Commission pledge the credit
5 of any of the Member States, except by and with the authority of the Member
6 State.
- 7 (5) The Commission shall keep accurate accounts of all receipts and
8 disbursements. The receipts and disbursements of the Commission shall be
9 subject to the financial review and accounting procedures established under
10 its bylaws. However, all receipts and disbursements of funds handled by the
11 Commission shall be subject to an annual financial review by a certified or
12 licensed public accountant, and the report of the financial review shall be
13 included in and become part of the annual report of the Commission.
- 14 (h) Qualified Immunity, Defense, and Indemnification.
- 15 (1) The members, officers, executive director, employees, and representatives of
16 the Commission shall be immune from suit and liability, both personally and
17 in their official capacity, for any claim for damage to or loss of property or
18 personal injury or other civil liability caused by or arising out of any actual or
19 alleged act, error, or omission that occurred, or that the person against whom
20 the claim is made had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the
21 scope of Commission employment, duties, or responsibilities; provided that
22 nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to protect any such person from
23 suit or liability for any damage, loss, injury, or liability caused by the
24 intentional or willful or wanton misconduct of that person. The procurement
25 of insurance of any type by the Commission shall not in any way compromise
26 or limit the immunity granted hereunder.
- 27 (2) The Commission shall defend any member, officer, executive director,
28 employee, and representative of the Commission in any civil action seeking
29 to impose liability arising out of any actual or alleged act, error, or omission
30 that occurred within the scope of Commission employment, duties, or
31 responsibilities, or as determined by the Commission that the person against
32 whom the claim is made had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within
33 the scope of Commission employment, duties, or responsibilities; provided
34 that nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit that person from retaining
35 their own counsel at their own expense; and provided further, that the actual
36 or alleged act, error, or omission did not result from that person's intentional
37 or willful or wanton misconduct.
- 38 (3) The Commission shall indemnify and hold harmless any member, officer,
39 executive director, employee, and representative of the Commission for the
40 amount of any settlement or judgment obtained against that person arising out
41 of any actual or alleged act, error, or omission that occurred within the scope
42 of Commission employment, duties, or responsibilities, or that such person
43 had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the scope of Commission
44 employment, duties, or responsibilities, provided that the actual or alleged act,
45 error, or omission did not result from the intentional or willful or wanton
46 misconduct of that person.
- 47 (4) Nothing herein shall be construed as a limitation on the liability of any
48 licensee for professional malpractice or misconduct, which shall be governed
49 solely by any other applicable state laws.
- 50 (5) Nothing in this Compact shall be interpreted to waive or otherwise abrogate a
51 Member State's state action immunity or state action affirmative defense with

1 respect to antitrust claims under the Sherman Act, Clayton Act, or any other
2 state or federal antitrust or anticompetitive law or regulation.

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

5 **"§ 115C-270.47. Facilitating information exchange.**

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

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

12 (1) Identifying information.

13 (2) Licensure data.

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

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

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

19 (6) The presence of investigative information.

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

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

25 **"§ 115C-270.48. Rulemaking.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

47 (f) Upon determination that an emergency exists, the Commission may consider and
48 adopt an emergency Rule with 48 hours' notice, with opportunity to comment, provided that the
49 usual Rulemaking procedures shall be retroactively applied to the Rule as soon as reasonably
50 possible, in no event later than 90 days after the effective date of the Rule. For the purposes of

1 this provision, an emergency Rule is one that must be adopted immediately in order to accomplish
2 the following:

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

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

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

7 (4) Protect public health and safety.

8 **"§ 115C-270.49. Oversight, dispute resolution, and enforcement.**

9 (a) Oversight.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4 (h) The defaulting state may appeal the action of the Commission by petitioning the U.S.
5 District Court for the District of Columbia or the federal district where the Commission has its
6 principal offices. The prevailing party shall be awarded all costs of such litigation, including
7 reasonable attorneys' fees.

8 (i) Dispute Resolution.

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

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

14 (j) Enforcement.

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

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

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

34 **"§ 115C-270.50. Effective date, withdrawal, and amendment.**

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

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

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

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

48 (2) Member States enacting the Compact subsequent to the Charter Member
49 States shall be subject to the process set forth in subdivision (22) of subsection
50 (c) of G.S. 115C-470.46 to determine if their enactments are materially

1 different from the model Compact statute and whether they qualify for
2 participation in the Compact.

3 (3) All actions taken for the benefit of the Commission or in furtherance of the
4 purposes of the administration of the Compact prior to the effective date of
5 the Compact or the Commission coming into existence shall be considered to
6 be actions of the Commission unless specifically repudiated by the
7 Commission.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

33 **"§ 115C-270.51. Construction and severability.**

34 (a) This Compact and the Commission's Rulemaking authority shall be liberally
35 construed so as to effectuate the purposes and the implementation and administration of the
36 Compact. Provisions of the Compact expressly authorizing or requiring the promulgation of
37 Rules shall not be construed to limit the Commission's Rulemaking authority solely for those
38 purposes.

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

46 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this section, the Commission may deny a state's
47 participation in the Compact or, in accordance with the requirements of subsection (b) of
48 G.S. 115C-270.49, terminate a Member State's participation in the Compact, if it determines that
49 a constitutional requirement of a Member State is a material departure from the Compact.
50 Otherwise, if this Compact shall be held to be contrary to the constitution of any Member State,

1 the Compact shall remain in full force and effect as to the remaining Member States and in full
2 force and effect as to the Member State affected as to all severable matters.

3 **"§ 115C-270.52. Consistent effect and conflict with other state laws.**

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

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

9 **SECTION 1.(b)** G.S. 115C-12 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

10 "(51) Duty to Fulfill Requirements Related to School Psychologist Interstate
11 Licensure Compact. – The State Board of Education shall be the State
12 Licensing Authority or Licensing Authority for purposes of Article 17F of this
13 Chapter and shall fulfill any requirements, duties, or obligations of the State
14 Licensing Authority or Licensing Authority pursuant to that Article."

15 **SECTION 1.(c)** This section is effective when it becomes law.

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17 **PART II. APPROPRIATION FOR ECU VIRTUAL SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY**
18 **TRAINING PROGRAM**

19 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Governors
20 of The University of North Carolina the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in nonrecurring
21 funds for the 2026-2027 fiscal year to be allocated to East Carolina University (ECU) to host a
22 virtual school psychology training program at the ECU campus in Greenville, North Carolina.
23 Funds appropriated in this section shall not revert but shall remain available until June 30, 2029.

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25 **PART III. EFFECTIVE DATE**

26 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2026.