

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 204

Short Title: Remove Testing Requirement for Teacher Lisc. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators McInnis, Johnson, and Moffitt (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

March 3, 2025

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REPEAL THE STANDARDIZED TESTING REQUIREMENT FOR TEACHER
3 LICENSURE AND TO PROHIBIT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM
4 ADOPTING RULES OR POLICIES IMPLEMENTING A STANDARDIZED TESTING
5 REQUIREMENT FOR TEACHER LICENSURE.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 SECTION 1.(a) G.S. 115C-269.15(a) is repealed.

8 SECTION 1.(b) G.S. 115C-269.25(g) is repealed.

9 SECTION 1.(c) G.S. 115C-270.15 is repealed.

10 SECTION 1.(d) Article 17E of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by
11 adding a new section to read:

12 "**§ 115C-270.15A. Prohibition on examination requirements.**

13 The State Board of Education shall not adopt any rules or policies requiring any applicant for
14 a teacher license pursuant to G.S. 115C-270.20 to complete a standardized examination as a
15 condition for receiving a teacher license."

16 SECTION 1.(e) G.S. 115C-270.20(4a) reads as rewritten:

17 "(4a) Limited license. – A three-year renewable license issued to an individual who
18 meets the requirements of this subdivision. A limited license shall only be
19 requested by the local board of education currently employing or seeking to
20 employ the individual and shall be used for continued employment only in
21 that local school administrative unit. The State Board shall not require
22 individuals to demonstrate preparation through achieving a prescribed
23 minimum score on a standardized examination for a limited license. To
24 receive a limited license, one of the following shall be met:

25 a. In-state licensee. – Both of the following are met:

26 1. The individual was issued an IPL or RL, but failed to fulfill
27 ~~examination requirements under G.S. 115C 270.15 licensure~~
28 requirements adopted by the State Board after three years of
29 licensure.

30 2. The local board of education submits to the State Board an
31 affidavit stating that the teacher is currently employed by that
32 local board, is an effective teacher, and will be encouraged to
33 continue to pursue a CPL. The affidavit shall be signed by both
34 the principal and superintendent for the school to which the
35 teacher is currently assigned.

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1 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to anyone
2 applying for a teacher license on or after that date.