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Short Title: Teacher Licensure Changes.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO TEACHER LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS.
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

5 "(4a) Limited license. – A three-year ~~nonrenewable~~ renewable license issued to an
6 individual who meets the requirements of this subdivision. A limited license
7 shall only be requested by the local board of education currently employing
8 or seeking to employ the individual and shall be used for continued
9 employment only in that local school administrative unit. The State Board
10 shall not require individuals to demonstrate preparation through achieving a
11 prescribed minimum score on a standardized examination for a limited
12 license. To receive a limited license, one of the following shall be met:

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

- 14 1. The individual was issued an IPL or RL, but failed to fulfill
15 examination requirements under G.S. 115C-270.15 after three
16 years of licensure.
- 17 2. The local board of education submits to the State Board an
18 affidavit stating that the teacher is currently employed by that
19 local board, is an effective teacher, and will be encouraged to
20 continue to pursue a CPL. The affidavit shall be signed by both
21 the principal and superintendent for the school to which the
22 teacher is currently assigned.

23 b. Out-of-state licensee. – Both of the following are met:

- 24 1. The individual holds current teacher licensure in another state
25 that is in good standing.
- 26 2. The local board of education submits to the State Board an
27 affidavit stating that the local board seeks to employ the
28 teacher, that the teacher has been employed as a licensed
29 teacher in another state for at least three years, and that the
30 teacher will be encouraged to pursue an IPL or CPL, as
31 appropriate for that teacher. The affidavit shall be signed by
32 the superintendent for the local board of education seeking to
33 employ the teacher."

34 **SECTION 1.(b)** G.S. 115C-270.30(b) is amended by adding a new subdivision to

35 read:



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"(6) For a teacher renewing a limited license, an affidavit from the employing local board of education that is signed by both the principal and superintendent for the school to which the teacher is currently assigned. The affidavit must state all of the following:

- a. The teacher is currently employed by the local board of education.
- b. The teacher is an effective teacher. For teachers who have available growth data under the Education Value-Added Assessment System (EVAAS), the data must demonstrate that the teacher meets or exceeds expectations of growth.
- c. The teacher will be encouraged to continue to pursue a CPL."

SECTION 1.(c) For limited license renewals that occur on or before July 1, 2025, the State Board of Education shall only require the teacher to meet the licensure renewal requirements in G.S. 115C-270.30(b)(6), as enacted by subsection (b) of this section.

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to renewal applications on or after that date.