



HOUSE BILL 92: Cherokee Reg. Plate/Teaching Agreement.

2017-2018 General Assembly

Committee:	Senate Education/Higher Education.	Date:	June 6, 2018
	favorable, re-refer to Finance. If favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of the Senate		
Introduced by:	Reps. Torbett, Stone	Prepared by:	Brian Gwyn
Analysis of:	PCS to Second Edition		Staff Attorney
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OVERVIEW: *The PCS to House Bill 92 would remove all of the contents of the 2nd Edition of House Bill 92, and instead authorize the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to produce a special registration plate for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and create a licensure exception for Cherokee language and culture instruction.*

SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE FOR THE EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS

BILL ANALYSIS: The PCS to House Bill 92 would require the DMV to issue a special registration plate to any members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians who present to the Division a tribal identification card. These special registration plates would be subject to the regular motor vehicle registration fee in G.S. 20-87 or G.S. 20-88, but the plates would not be subject to any additional fees.

LICENSURE EXCEPTION FOR CHEROKEE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE INSTRUCTION

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 115C-295 requires all public school teachers to either hold or be qualified to hold a North Carolina teaching license issued by the State Board of Education.

BILL ANALYSIS: The PCS to House Bill 92 would create a process through which an individual could teach Cherokee language and culture classes without a teaching license issued by the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education would be required to enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. The MOU would identify the criteria an individual must meet to be approved to teach Cherokee language and culture classes. Such an MOU must include the following:

- Requirements for approval of individuals employed under this provision, including a requirement that the individual has demonstrated mastery of the Cherokee language through a credential issued by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.
- A three-year approval period, which may be renewed, for individuals employed under this section.
- Authority of the Superintendent of Public Instruction or the Superintendent's designee to approve and renew approval of individuals employed under this section, subject to the requirements of the MOU.

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- Requirements for renewing approval of individuals employed under this provision after three years.
- A clear statement that an individual authorized to teach pursuant to this provision shall not be permitted to provide instruction in other content areas unless the individual possesses a license issued in accordance with G.S. 115C-270.20.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would be effective when it becomes law.