



**HOUSE BILL 92:
Cherokee Reg. Plate/Teaching Agreement, Sec.
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Cherokee Teaching Agreement**

2017-2018 General Assembly

Committee:		Date:	July 23, 2018
Introduced by:		Prepared by:	Kara McCraw Staff Attorney
Analysis of:	Sec. 2 of S.L. 2018-7		

OVERVIEW: *Sec. 2 of S.L. 2018-7 allows local school administrative units to employ unlicensed individuals that meet criteria established by a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the State Board of Education and Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to provide instruction in Cherokee language and culture. The MOU must identify the criteria an individual must meet to be approved to teach Cherokee language and culture classes, including the following:*

- *Requirements for approval of individuals employed under the exception, 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 the exception.*
- *Authority of the Superintendent of Public Instruction or designee to approve and renew approval of individuals employed under the exception, subject to the requirements of the MOU.*
- *Requirements for renewing approval of individuals employed under the exception after three years.*
- *A clear statement that an individual authorized to teach pursuant to the exception is not permitted to provide instruction in other content areas unless the individual possesses a teaching license.*

This section became effective June 13, 2018.

SECTION 2: 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: S.L. 2018-7 creates a process through which an individual can teach Cherokee language and culture classes without a teaching license issued by the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education is required to enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. The MOU will identify the criteria an individual must meet to be approved to teach Cherokee language and culture classes. The 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.

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- 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.
- 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 must 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: S.L. 2018-7, Sec. 2, became effective June 13, 2018.