



SENATE BILL 257: Appropriations Act of 2017, Sec. 10A.5: Amend Transforming Principal Preparation

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OVERVIEW: *S.L. 2017-57, Sec. 10A.5 amends the Transforming Principal Preparation grant program in multiple ways. Entities that apply for these grants must now do the following:*

- *Pay school leader candidates for their full-time clinical practice experiences and ensure that the experiences include at least 750 hours.*
- *Provide the opportunity for all school leader candidates to earn a master's degree, if they do not already have one, and subsequent principal licensure.*
- *Develop and enforce requirements for program graduates to serve a minimum of four years as school-based administrators in North Carolina.*
- *Comply with reporting and evaluation requests made by the administering nonprofit.*

Additionally, the nonprofit corporation that administers the grant in conjunction with the State Education Assistance Authority (SEAA) must give priority consideration to entities that have a record of preparing principals in a service area that is underserved by existing principal preparation programs or demonstrates unmet need despite current available programs. Further, it must develop a process for early retrieval of grant funds if grant recipients do not comply with grant terms. The State Board of Education's licensure policy for individuals who complete a principal preparation program through this grant program must require candidates to hold a master's degree.

This section became effective July 1, 2017.

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