



SENATE BILL 448: Professors in the Classroom.

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OVERVIEW: *Senate Bill 448 would authorize local boards of education to contract with higher education faculty members to serve as adjunct instructors for core academic subjects without having to obtain a teaching license.*

CURRENT LAW: Teachers employed in public schools in the State are required by G.S. 115C-295 to hold a teaching license. G.S. 115C-157.1 exempts certain career and technical education teachers from the licensure requirement.

BILL ANALYSIS: Senate Bill 448 would authorize local boards of education to contract with higher education faculty members to serve as adjunct instructors for core academic subjects in grades kindergarten through 12 without the faculty members having to obtain a teaching license. The State Board of Education would be required to establish minimum criteria for such adjunct instructors. These adjunct instructors would have to:

- Be employed less than 20 hours per week or less than six full consecutive months. As temporary employees, they would not be eligible to earn paid leave, participate in the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System, or receive or purchase health benefits through the State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees.
- Pass a criminal history check.
- Receive preservice training in:
 - The identification and education of children with disabilities.
 - Positive management of student behavior.
 - Effective communication for defusing and de-escalating disruptive or dangerous behavior.
 - Safe and appropriate use of seclusion and restraint.

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

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