



# HOUSE BILL 687: Encourage Atty CLE Exempt for NCGA Employees.

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**OVERVIEW:** House Bill 687 would encourage the North Carolina State Bar Council to revise its rules to create an exemption from continuing legal education requirements for full-time employees of the North Carolina General Assembly.

**CURRENT LAW:** Continuing Legal Education requirements for attorneys in North Carolina are established by the North Carolina State Bar. All active attorneys in North Carolina are required to meet the requirements on an annual basis unless they qualify for an exemption. Some of the exemptions currently provided include:

- The governor, lieutenant governor, all members of the council of state, members of the US Senate or House of Representatives, members of the North Carolina General Assembly, full-time principal chiefs and vice-chiefs of any Indian tribe officially recognized by the US or NC government, members of the US Armed Forces on full-time active duty.
- Members of the state judiciary, members of the federal judiciary, full-time law clerks.
- Full-time teachers at the School of Government, at a law school in North Carolina accredited by the American Bar Association, or of law-related courses at an accredited graduate level professional school, if the teacher does not practice in North Carolina or represent North Carolina citizens.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 687 would recommend that the North Carolina State Bar Council exempt full-time employees of the North Carolina General Assembly who are license attorneys from all continuing education requirements and encourage the Council to adopt a rule exempting them from those requirements.

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

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