



2023-2024 General Assembly

# HOUSE BILL 149: Disaster Recovery Act of 2024, Sec. 8.3: Completion of the EPP Clinical Internship Requirement for Certain Students Impacted by Hurricane Helene or PTC8

**Committee:**  
**Introduced by:**  
**Analysis of:** Sec. 8.3 of S.L. 2024-51

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**OVERVIEW:** Section 8.3 of S.L. 2024-51 exempts certain students from completion of the clinical internship requirement for education preparation programs (EPPs) if the students were impacted by Hurricane Helene or Potential Tropical Cyclone #8 (PTC8). A student can have their clinical internship requirement deemed completed if all of the following are met:

- One of the following applies to the student:
  - The student is enrolled in an EPP that is located in a county (i) declared a major disaster by the President of the United States under the Stafford Act (P.L. 93-288) as a result of Hurricane Helene or (ii) Brunswick or New Hanover Counties.
  - Has been placed with an elementary or secondary partner school that is located in a county (i) declared a major disaster by the President of the United States under the Stafford Act (P.L. 93 288) as a result of Hurricane Helene or (ii) Brunswick or New Hanover Counties.
- The student has completed as much time in a clinical internship as practicable during the 2024 fall academic semester.
- The student cannot graduate in December 2024 from the EPP without the clinical internship requirement being deemed completed.

By February 1, 2025, any EPP with an enrolled student who has his or her clinical internship requirement deemed completed must report to the State Board of Education (SBE) with the following information:

- Number of students who had their clinical internship requirement deemed completed.
- Reasons for a clinical internship requirement being deemed completed.
- Amount of time completed for a clinical internship.
- Any other information required by the SBE.

By March 15, 2025, the SBE must report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on the information reported to the SBE by EPPs.

This section became effective October 10, 2024.

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