



# HOUSE BILL 207: Mandatory Training Contributing to CEUs.

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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 207 would (i) allow mandatory training programs to count toward required continuing education credits for teachers in certain circumstances and (ii) prohibit the State Board of Education (SBE) from requiring continuing education credits solely related to digital teaching and learning.*

**CURRENT LAW:** G.S. 115C-270.30(a) requires the SBE to adopt rules establishing the requirements for renewing all professional educator licenses. "Professional educator" is defined to include administrators, teachers, and student services personnel. G.S. 115C-270.1.

G.S. 115C-270.30(b) requires the SBE to include in its rules for continuing licensure for teachers that teachers earn at least eight continuing education credits, with at least three credits in the teacher's academic subject area. Elementary school teachers must have at least three out of the eight credits be related to literacy.

G.S. 115C-270.30(c) requires the SBE to review the rules for licensure at least once every five years to reevaluate and enhance the requirements, consider modifications to the requirements, and integrate digital teaching and learning into the requirements.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 207 would allow teachers to count hours spent on mandatory training programs toward the required continuing education credits for licensure renewal, if both of the following circumstances apply:

- The mandatory training program is required by State law or a local board of education as a condition of employment.
- The teacher has otherwise met the content-specific continuing education requirements set by the SBE.

The SBE would be prohibited from requiring continuing education credits solely related to digital teaching and learning for all professional educators. The SBE could require up to two credits that include digital teaching and learning as a component of the general or content-specific credit.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** House Bill 207 would be effective when it becomes law and would apply to licenses renewed on or after that date.

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