

## HOUSE BILL 259: 2023 Appropriations Act, Sec. 7.5: Required Training to Count Toward Continuing Education Units

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OVERVIEW: Section 7.5 of S.L. 2023-134 allows 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 State Board of Education (SBE).

Additionally, this section prohibits the SBE from requiring continuing education credits solely related to digital teaching and learning for all professional educators. The SBE can require up to two credits that include digital teaching and learning as a component of the general or content-specific credit.

This section became effective October 3, 2023, and applies to licenses renewed on or after that date.

