



This Bill Analysis reflects the contents of the bill as it was presented in committee.

HOUSE BILL 824: Teacher Licensure for Out-of-State Teachers.

2023-2024 General Assembly

Committee:	House Education - K-12. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	May 2, 2023
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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 824 would grant a continuing professional license to a teacher who is licensed in another state with substantially similar licensure requirements and has at least three years of teaching experience. The PCS would make various technical changes.*

CURRENT LAW: An initial professional license (IPL) is a three-year nonrenewable license issued to an individual who has successfully completed a recognized educator preparation program. G.S. 115C-270.20(a)(3).

A continuing professional license (CPL) is a five-year renewable license issued to a teacher with at least three years of licensed teaching experience. G.S. 115C-270.20(a)(1). Additionally, prior to receiving a CPL, the teacher must meet minimum scores set by the State Board of Education (SBE) on required licensure exams. G.S. 115C-270.15(e).

A limited license (LL) is a three-year nonrenewable license that must be requested by a local board of education employing or seeking to employ the individual and can only be used for employment in that local school administrative unit. The SBE cannot require individuals to pass licensure exams to receive an LL. G.S. 115C-270.20(a)(4a).

Individuals who hold current teacher licensure in another state are eligible for an LL if the following criteria are met:

- The teacher's out-of-state license is in good standing.
- A local board of education submits an affidavit to the SBE stating the following:
 - The local board seeks to employ the teacher.
 - The teacher has been employed as a licensed teacher for at least three years.
 - The teacher will be encouraged to pursue an IPL or CPL, as appropriate.

G.S. 115C-270.25 requires that applications for a CPL from an individual with an out-of-state license include evidence of the teacher's effectiveness. An individual without evidence of effectiveness can only be eligible for an IPL or LL.

BILL ANALYSIS: The PCS would require the SBE to grant a CPL to a teacher licensed in another state if the following requirements are met:

- The other state has substantially similar licensure requirements as North Carolina.
- The teacher has at least three years of teaching experience.
- The teacher is in good standing with the other state.

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The PCS would also make conforming changes to the licensure statutes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The PCS would be effective when it becomes law and would apply to applications for licensure submitted on or after that date.