



# SENATE BILL 187: Teacher Licensure/Retired Educator Program.

2023-2024 General Assembly

---

<b>Committee:</b>	Senate Rules and Operations of the Senate	<b>Date:</b>	March 16, 2023
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Sens. McInnis, Johnson, Barnes	<b>Prepared by:</b>	Brian Gwyn
<b>Analysis of:</b>	Second Edition		Staff Attorney

---

**OVERVIEW:** *The 2nd edition of Senate Bill 187 would make limited licenses renewable.*

**CURRENT LAW:** G.S. 115C-270.20(a) establishes five different classes of teaching license, including:

- Continuing professional license (CPL): Five-year renewable license
- Emergency license (EL): One-year nonrenewable license
- Initial professional license (IPL): Three-year nonrenewable license
- Limited license (LL): Three-year nonrenewable license
- Residency license (RL): One-year license, renewable twice

G.S. 115C-270.15 requires applicants for an IPL or RL to achieve a prescribed minimum score on a standard examination. Elementary (K-6) and special education general curriculum teachers must also pass subtests or standard examinations specific to teaching reading and mathematics. Applicants can fulfill any exam requirements before or during the third year of licensure, provided the applicant took the exam at least once during the first year of licensure. An IPL or RL cannot be converted to a CPL if the exam requirements have not been met.

A limited license can be granted to an individual who (i) was issued an IPL or RL but failed to fulfill the licensure examination requirements after three years or (ii) is licensed out-of-state. The limited license must be requested by the local board of education currently employing or seeking to employ the individual and can only be used for continued employment within that local school administrative unit.

G.S. 115C-270.30(b) establishes the licensure renewal for teachers, including continuing education requirements.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** The bill would make limited licenses renewable. For a teacher to renew a limited license, the employing local board of education would have to submit an affidavit stating all of the following:

- The teacher is currently employed by the local board of education.
- The teacher is an effective teacher. For teachers who have available growth data under the Education Value-Added Assessment System (EVAAS), the data must demonstrate that the teacher meets or exceeds expectations of growth.
- The teacher will be encouraged to continue to pursue a CPL.

For license renewals that occur on or before July 1, 2025, the State Board of Education could only require the teacher to meet the affidavit requirements.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The bill would be effective when it becomes law and would apply to renewal applications on or after that date.

Jeffrey Hudson  
Director



Legislative Analysis  
Division  
919-733-2578