



HOUSE BILL 855: Residency Licenses for Nonpublic EC Teachers.

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Committee:	House Education - K-12. If favorable, re-refer to Finance. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	April 29, 2025
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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 855 would allow nonpublic schools to request residency licenses for teachers.*

CURRENT LAW: A residency license is a one-year teaching license that can be renewed twice. G.S. 115C-270.20(a)(5) authorizes the governing body of a public school unit to request a residency license for an individual if the individual meets all of the following requirements:

- Holds a bachelor's degree or advanced degree.
- Has completed coursework related to the requested licensed area or has passed a related content examination.
- Is enrolled in a recognized educator preparation program.

BILL ANALYSIS: In addition to the governing body of a public school unit, the bill would authorize nonpublic schools to request a residency license, including nonpublic schools approved and monitored by the Department of Public Instruction that provide services for students with extraordinary costs directly attributable to providing special education services based on the student's IEP.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill would be effective when it becomes law and would apply to applications for residency licenses occurring on or after that date.

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