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SENATE BILL 508: Highly Effective Limited License Teachers.

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Committee:	Senate Education/Higher Education.	If Date:	April 9, 2025
	favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of the Senate		
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OVERVIEW: *Senate Bill 508 would provide a pathway to a continuing professional license for teachers with a limited license.*

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 115C-270.15 requires teachers to pass licensure examinations by the end of their third year of licensure. An initial professional license (IPL) or residency license (RL) cannot be converted to a continuing professional license (CPL) until the licensure exam requirements are met.

Under G.S. 115C-270.20(a)(4a), a limited license is a renewable three-year license that can be issued upon the request of a local board of education currently employing or seeking to employ an individual. A limited license can only be used in the local school administrative unit that requested the license. An in-state licensee can qualify for a limited license if the individual was issued an IPL or RL, but failed to meet required licensure examinations after three years of licensure.

For a teacher to renew a limited license, G.S. 115C-270.30(b)(6) requires the teacher to submit a signed affidavit that the teacher is currently employed by the local board of education and 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.

BILL ANALYSIS: The bill would allow a teacher with a limited license who has available EVAAS growth data to convert the license to a CPL if the teacher has a positive average growth score for two of the three most recent years. Teachers with a negative average growth score but who still meet expected growth could continue to request a renewal of the limited license.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill would be effective when it becomes law and would apply to limited licenses expiring on or after that date.

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