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HOUSE BILL 1773

Short Title: Cert. Renewal for Retired Teachers Limited.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Warner; and Shubert.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PERMIT RETIRED TEACHERS TO WORK PART TIME AS
2 TEACHERS WITHOUT RENEWING THEIR CERTIFICATES EVERY FIVE
3 YEARS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO FACILITATE THE
4 RECRUITMENT OF THESE TEACHERS.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-296(b) reads as rewritten:

8 "(b) It is the policy of the State of North Carolina to maintain the highest quality
9 teacher education programs and school administrator programs in order to enhance the
10 competence of professional personnel certified in North Carolina. To the end that
11 teacher preparation programs are upgraded to reflect a more rigorous course of study,
12 the State Board of Education, as lead agency in coordination and cooperation with the
13 University Board of Governors, the Board of Community Colleges and such other
14 public and private agencies as are necessary, shall continue to refine the several
15 certification requirements, standards for approval of institutions of teacher education,
16 standards for institution-based innovative and experimental programs, standards for
17 implementing consortium-based teacher education, and standards for improved
18 efficiencies in the administration of the approved programs. The certification program
19 shall provide for initial certification after completion of preservice training, continuing
20 certification after three years of teaching experience, and certificate renewal every five
21 years ~~thereafter~~ thereafter, until the retirement of the teacher. The last certificate
22 renewal received prior to retirement shall not expire after five years but shall remain in
23 effect with regard to part-time employment as a teacher."

24 The State Board of Education, as lead agency in coordination with the Board of
25 Governors of The University of North Carolina and any other public and private
26 agencies as necessary, shall continue to raise standards for entry into teacher education
27 programs.

28 The State Board of Education, in consultation with the Board of Governors of The
29 University of North Carolina, shall evaluate and develop enhanced requirements for

1 continuing certification. The new requirements shall reflect more rigorous standards for
2 continuing certification and to the extent possible shall be aligned with quality
3 professional development programs that reflect State priorities for improving student
4 achievement.

5 The State Board of Education, in consultation with local boards of education and the
6 Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina, shall reevaluate and enhance
7 the requirements for renewal of teacher certificates. The State Board shall consider
8 modifications in the certificate renewal achievement and to make it a mechanism for
9 teachers to renew continually their knowledge and professional skills. The State Board
10 shall adopt new standards for the renewal of teacher certificates by May 15, 1998.

11 The standards for approval of institutions of teacher education shall require that
12 teacher education programs for students who do not major in special education include
13 demonstrated competencies in the identification and education of children with learning
14 disabilities. The State Board of Education shall incorporate the criteria developed in
15 accordance with G.S. 116-74.21 for assessing proposals under the School Administrator
16 Training Program into its school administrator program approval standards.

17 All North Carolina institutions of higher education that offer teacher education
18 programs, masters degree programs in education, or masters degree programs in school
19 administration shall provide performance reports to the State Board of Education. The
20 performance reports shall follow a common format, shall be submitted according to a
21 plan developed by the State Board, and shall include the information required under the
22 plan developed by the State Board."

23 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the State
24 Board of Education the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the 2002-2003 fiscal
25 year. The State Board shall use these funds to notify retired teachers of the provisions
26 of this act and to encourage them to return to teaching.

27 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2002.