

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE DRS85166-LE-193 (3/12)**

Short Title: Remove Barriers/Teacher Lateral Entry Prog. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senator Stevens.

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Referred to:

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT DIRECTING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO REMOVE BARRIERS  
3 TO THE LATERAL ENTRY OF SKILLED INDIVIDUALS FROM THE PRIVATE  
4 SECTOR INTO THE TEACHING PROFESSION.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** The State Board of Education shall:

- 7 (1) Review the lateral entry program and identify and remove from it barriers to  
8 the lateral entry of skilled individuals from the private sector into the  
9 teaching profession;  
10 (2) Reduce the coursework requirements for lateral entry by consolidating the  
11 required competencies into fewer courses and fewer semester hours of  
12 coursework; and  
13 (3) Provide additional opportunities for individuals to complete coursework  
14 online and at community colleges.

15 **SECTION 2.** The State Board of Education shall report to the Joint Legislative  
16 Education Oversight Committee by January 15, 2010, on its implementation of this act.

17 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

