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SENATE BILL 868

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

Sponsors: Senator Stevens.

Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

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

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The State Board of Education shall:

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

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

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

