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SENATE BILL 225*

Short Title: Ass't Principal Provisional Cert./AB.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Dalton, Lee; Hagan, Lucas, Shaw of Cumberland, and Wellons.

Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

March 4, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 115C-284(c) reads as rewritten:

"(c) The State Board of Education shall have entire control of certifying all applicants for supervisory and professional positions in all public elementary and high schools of North Carolina; and it shall prescribe the rules and regulations for the renewal and extension of all certificates, and shall determine and fix the salary for each grade and type of certificate which it authorizes. The State Board of Education shall require each applicant for an initial certificate or graduate certificate, other than an applicant who is qualified under Article 19A of this Chapter, to demonstrate his academic and professional preparation by achieving a prescribed minimum score at least equivalent to that required by the Board on November 30, 1972, on a standard examination appropriate and adequate for that purpose. If the Board shall specify the National Teachers Examination for this purpose, the required minimum score shall not be lower than that which the Board required on November 30, 1972. The Board may not require an applicant who is qualified under Article 19A of this Chapter to take an additional exam to demonstrate academic competence. The Board shall not issue provisional certificates for ~~principals and assistant principals~~ principals.

1 The Board shall issue a one-year provisional certificate for an assistant principal only
2 if (i) the local board by which the employee is employed finds that there is a
3 shortage of persons who hold or are qualified to hold a principal's certificate, and (ii) the
4 employee enrolls in an approved program leading to a masters degree in school
5 administration during that year. The Board shall extend the provisional certificate for a
6 total of no more than two additional years while the employee is completing the
7 program."

8 Section 2. G.S. 115C-289(b) reads as rewritten:

9 "(b) All persons employed as assistant principals in State-allotted positions, or as
10 assistant principals in full-time positions regardless of funding source, in the public
11 schools of the State or in schools receiving public funds, shall, in addition to other
12 applicable requirements, be required either to hold or be qualified to hold a principal's
13 certificate or a provisional assistant principal's certificate in compliance with applicable
14 law and in accordance with the regulations of the State Board of Education. It shall be
15 unlawful for any board of education to employ or keep in service any assistant principal
16 who neither holds nor is qualified to hold a principal's certificate or a provisional
17 assistant principal's certificate in compliance with applicable law and in accordance with
18 the regulations of the State Board of Education."

19 Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.