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Short Title: NC Standards Board for Public School Administration. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Dannelly, Hartsell, Hobbs, Lucas, Perdue, Plexico, Winner; Albertson, Martin of Guilford, Warren, Cooper, Martin of Pitt, and Parnell.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO MAKE AMENDMENTS TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE STANDARDS BOARD FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR EXAM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 115C-290.5 reads as rewritten:

"§ 115C-290.5. Powers and duties of the Board; development of the North Carolina Public School Administrator Exam.

(a) The Standards Board shall administer this Article. In fulfilling this duty, the Standards Board shall:

- (1) ~~Develop~~In accordance with subsection (c) of this section, develop and implement a North Carolina Public School Administrator Exam, based on the professional standards established by the Standards Board.
- (2) Establish and collect an application fee not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00), and an exam fee not to exceed one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00). Fees collected under this Article shall be credited to the General Fund as nontax revenue.
- (3) Review the educational achievements of an applicant to take the exam to determine whether the achievements meet the requirements set by G.S. 115C-290.7.

- 1 (4) Notify the State Board of Education of the names and addresses of the
2 persons who passed the exam and are thereby recommended to be
3 certified as public school administrators by the State Board of
4 Education.
- 5 (5) Maintain accounts and records in accordance with the Executive
6 Budget Act, Article 1 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes.
- 7 (6) Adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 150B of the General Statutes
8 to implement this Article.
- 9 (7) Submit an annual report by December 1 of each year to the Joint
10 Legislative Education Oversight Committee of its activities during the
11 preceding year, together with any recommendations and findings
12 regarding improvement of the profession of public school
13 administration.

14 (b) The Board may adopt a seal and affix it to any documents issued by the
15 Board.

16 (c) The Standards Board shall submit its proposed exam to the State Board. The
17 State Board shall adopt or reject the proposal. The State Board shall not make any
18 substantive changes to any exam that it adopts. If the State Board rejects the proposal, it
19 shall state with specificity its reasons for rejection; the Standards Board then may
20 prepare another proposed exam and submit it to the State Board. If the State Board
21 rejects the proposed exam on its second submission, the State Board may develop and
22 adopt an exam by December 1, 1997. The General Assembly urges the State Board to
23 utilize the Standards Board's proposed exam to the maximum extent that it is consistent
24 with the State Board's policies if the State Board develops and adopts an exam. After an
25 exam has been adopted, the Standards Board may submit suggested changes to the State
26 Board for its approval."

27 Sec. 2. G.S. 115C-290.7(a) reads as rewritten:

28 "**§ 115C-290.7. Recommendation by the Standards Board.**

29 (a) The Standards Board shall recommend for certification by the State Board an
30 individual who submits a complete application to the Standards Board and satisfies all
31 of the following requirements:

- 32 (1) Pays the application fee established by the Standards Board.
- 33 (2) Pays the exam fee established by the Standards Board.
- 34 (3) Has a bachelors degree from an accredited college or accredited
35 university and (i) has a graduate degree from a public school
36 administration program that meets the public school administrator
37 program approval standards set by the State Board of ~~Education.~~
38 Education, or (ii) has a masters degree from an accredited college or
39 accredited university and has completed a public school administration
40 program that meets the public school administration approval
41 standards set by the State Board of Education."

42 Sec. 3. G.S. 115C-290.8 reads as rewritten:

43 "**§ 115C-290.8. Exemptions from requirements.**

1 The requirements of this Article do not apply to a person who, at any time during the
2 five years preceding January 1, 1998, was engaged in ~~public-school~~ administration at
3 ~~either a public school in North Carolina or a school in North Carolina operated by the United~~
4 ~~States government.~~ while in possession of an active State administrator/supervisor
5 certificate. A person who is exempt from the requirements of this Article but applies to
6 the Standards Board under this Article shall be subject to the Article."

7 Sec. 4. Sections 2 and 3 of this act become effective January 1, 1998. The
8 remainder of this act is effective upon ratification.