

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1285

Short Title: Delay Praxis II Test for New Teachers. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives McLawhorn, Underhill (Primary Sponsors); and Adams.

Referred to: Education.

April 12, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO PERMIT AN APPLICANT FOR INITIAL TEACHER CERTIFICATION
3 TO TAKE THE APPROPRIATE SPECIALTY AREA TEST OR SUBJECT
4 ASSESSMENT DURING THE APPLICANT'S SECOND YEAR OF TEACHING.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

7 "**§ 115C-296. Board sets certification requirements.**

8 (a) The State Board of Education shall have entire control of certifying all
9 applicants for teaching positions in all public elementary and high schools of North
10 Carolina; and it shall prescribe the rules and regulations for the renewal and extension
11 of all certificates and shall determine and fix the salary for each grade and type of
12 certificate which it authorizes: Provided, that the State Board of Education shall require
13 each applicant for an initial bachelors degree certificate or graduate degree certificate to
14 demonstrate the applicant's academic and professional preparation by achieving a
15 prescribed minimum score on a standard examination appropriate and adequate for that
16 purpose. The State Board of Education shall make the standard initial certification exam
17 sufficiently rigorous and raise the prescribed minimum score as necessary to ensure that
18 each applicant has adequate academic and professional preparation to teach.

19 The State Board of Education shall not require an applicant to achieve a minimum
20 score on a specialty area test or subject assessment prior to initial certification. The
21 State Board of Education shall permit an applicant to fulfill this requirement before or
22 during the applicant's second year of teaching."

23 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.