

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 1124\*

Short Title: Teacher Certification Waivers.

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Sponsors: Senators Hartsell, Winner, Lee; Cochrane, Dalton, Garwood, and Rucho.

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Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

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May 14, 1998

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ALLOW LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO EMPLOY TEACHERS WHO ARE LEGALLY CERTIFICATED IN ANOTHER STATE EVEN THOUGH THEY MAY NOT BE CERTIFICATED IN NORTH CAROLINA.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 115C-105.26(c) reads as rewritten:

"(c) The State Board ~~also~~ may grant requests received from local boards for waivers of State laws, rules, or policies that affect the organization, duties, and assignment of central office staff only. However, none of the duties to be performed under G.S. 115C-436 may be waived. The State Board also may grant requests received from local boards for waivers of State laws, rules, or policies governing teacher certification when the boards demonstrate the following: (i) they need to employ teachers who are lawfully certificated in another state; (ii) the certification of these teachers authorizes them to teach the grade or subject matter they will be employed to teach; and (iii) there is a plan to demonstrate the teachers' competence before the boards employ these teachers. Teachers who are employed under a waiver must meet the State Board's requirements for continuing certification."

Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law and expires June 30, 2003, except that it remains effective for any teacher employed under this act before July 1, 2003.