

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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CHAPTER 328
HOUSE BILL 1165

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT STATE ALLOTTED AND OTHER FULL-TIME ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS MEET THE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO PRINCIPALS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 115C-289 reads as rewritten:

"§ 115C-289. **Assignment of principal's duties to assistant or acting principal.**—(a) Any duty or responsibility assigned to a principal by statute, State Board of Education regulation, or by the superintendent may, with the approval of the local board of education, be assigned by the principal to an assistant principal designated by the local board of education or to an acting principal designated by a principal.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c), all persons employed as assistant principals in State-allotted positions, or as assistant principals in full-time positions regardless of funding source, in the public schools of the State or in schools receiving public funds, shall, in addition to other applicable requirements, be required either to hold or be qualified to hold a principal's certificate in compliance with applicable law and in accordance with the regulations of the State Board of Education. Except as provided in subsection (c), it shall be unlawful for any board of education to employ or keep in service any assistant principal who neither holds nor is qualified to hold a principal's certificate in compliance with applicable law and in accordance with the regulations of the State Board of Education. Nothing herein shall prevent the employment of temporary personnel under such rules as the State Board of Education may prescribe.

(c) Subsection (b) shall not apply to any person who was employed as an assistant principal in either a full- or part-time position during the 1986-87 school term until the first day of the 1990-91 school term. Such persons shall meet all other requirements which are applicable to teachers generally. In addition, the local board of education may in its discretion require that any person employed as an assistant principal make satisfactory progress, as determined by the local board, toward meeting the requirements for certification as a principal."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 9th day of June, 1987.