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HOUSE BILL 304

Short Title: GPAC/Teacher Certification.

(Public)

Sponsors: (by request) Representatives Hensley, Blue, Barnes, Diamont, Hackney, H. Hunter, G. Miller, Nesbitt, and Robinson.

Referred to: Education.

February 25, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT A RECOMMENDATION OF THE GOVERNMENT
PERFORMANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE REGARDING TEACHER
CERTIFICATION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

—REDUCE TEACHER CERT. WORK.

Section 1. (a) G.S. 115C-296(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) The State Board of Education shall have entire control of certifying all applicants for teaching 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. Provided, that the~~ authorizes. The rules shall provide that the Department of Public Instruction shall consider for teacher certification only applicants who have jobs or job offers from public or private schools located within North Carolina. The State Board of Education shall require each applicant for an initial certificate or graduate certificate 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: Provided, further, that in the event 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: Provided, further, that the State Board of Education shall not decrease the certification standards for

1 physical education teachers or health education teachers below the standards in effect on
2 June 1, 1988."

3 (b) Because of the reduction in workload resulting from subsection (a) of this
4 section, one Teacher Certification position and one application processing clerk position
5 in the Teacher Certification area of the Department of Public Instruction are abolished.

6 (c) The base budget of the Department of Public Instruction is reduced by
7 eighty-six thousand one hundred ninety-seven dollars (\$86,197) for the 1993-94 fiscal
8 year and eighty-six thousand one hundred ninety-seven dollars (\$86,197) for the 1994-
9 95 fiscal year due to the decrease in personnel positions mandated by subsection (b) of
10 this section.

11 (d) This section becomes effective July 1, 1993.

12 ---MODIFY TEACHER CERTIFICATION.

13 Sec. 2. (a) The Department of Public Instruction shall modify the current
14 teacher certification system to improve information needed for staff management. The
15 teacher certification system shall be modified to produce detailed statistics that indicate
16 why productivity rates of the Teacher Certification group have declined, that enable the
17 Department to improve operational decision-making, and that indicate whether staff
18 reductions in the Teacher Certification group are justified.

19 The Department shall report on the implementation of this section to the Joint
20 Legislative Education Oversight Committee prior to March 31, 1994.

21 (b) This section becomes effective July 1, 1993.