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HOUSE BILL 311\*

Short Title: GPAC/Review Lateral Entry/Principals.

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

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Referred to: Education.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT A RECOMMENDATION OF THE GOVERNMENT  
2 PERFORMANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE LATERAL ENTRY  
3 PROCESS FOR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS.  
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

7 "(c) It is the policy of the State of North Carolina to encourage lateral entry into  
8 the profession of teaching by skilled individuals from the private sector. To this end,  
9 before the 1985-86 school year begins, the State Board of Education shall develop  
10 criteria and procedures to accomplish the employment of such individuals as classroom  
11 teachers. Regardless of credentials or competence, no one shall begin teaching above  
12 the middle level of differentiation. Skilled individuals who choose to enter the  
13 profession of teaching laterally may be granted a provisional teaching certificate for no  
14 more than five years and shall be required to obtain certification before contracting for a  
15 sixth year of service with any local administrative unit in this State.

16 It is further the policy of the State of North Carolina to ensure that local boards of  
17 education can provide the strongest possible leadership for schools based upon the  
18 identified and changing needs of individual schools. To this end, before the 1994-95  
19 school year begins, the State Board of Education shall carefully review the lateral entry  
20 program for administrators to ensure that local boards of education have sufficient  
21 flexibility to attract able candidates.

22 The State Board of Education shall report the results of its review to the Joint  
23 Legislative Education Oversight Committee prior to March 31, 1994."

1           Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.