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**SENATE BILL 1115  
Education/Public Instruction Committee Substitute Adopted 5/16/07**

Short Title: Pilot Program for Lateral Entry Teachers.

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Referred to:

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March 22, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT DIRECTING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH A  
2 PILOT PROGRAM FOR LATERAL ENTRY TEACHERS.

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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** The State Board of Education shall establish a pilot program  
6 for lateral entry teachers in up to eight local school administrative units, one of which  
7 shall be Guilford County Schools. The State Board shall ensure that, to the extent  
8 possible, the selected units are of different sizes and distributed geographically  
9 throughout the State. The program shall be implemented beginning with the 2008-2009  
10 school year. Under the pilot program, participating local school administrative units  
11 shall review the college transcripts of lateral entry teachers and determine a program of  
12 study that the teachers must complete. The pilot unit shall then arrange to provide  
13 course offerings that meet the unit's and the teacher's needs. Under no circumstances  
14 shall a lateral entry teacher in the pilot units be permitted to take fewer than nine credit  
15 hours of community college, college, or university coursework. Lateral entry teachers  
16 employed by the pilot units shall meet all other State Board of Education lateral entry  
17 program requirements.

18 The State Board of Education shall certify these lateral entry teachers based  
19 upon the recommendation of the pilot units. If a lateral entry teacher leaves a pilot unit  
20 before completing the coursework prescribed by that unit and is hired to teach in  
21 another local school administrative unit in the State, that teacher shall receive credit for  
22 any completed coursework and shall be permitted to continue with the course of study  
23 prescribed by the pilot unit to satisfy the lateral entry program requirements.

24 **SECTION 2.** Each of the pilot units shall report on the effectiveness of the  
25 unit's lateral entry program to the State Board of Education and the Joint Legislative  
26 Education Oversight Committee by October 1, 2010. The reports shall include any  
27 recommendations regarding the continuation, expansion, or elimination of the pilot  
28 program.

1                   **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007, and expires June 30,  
2 2011.