

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2013**

**HOUSE BILL 23  
RATIFIED BILL**

**AN ACT DIRECTING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP AND  
IMPLEMENT DIGITAL TEACHING AND LEARNING STANDARDS FOR  
TEACHERS AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-296 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 115C-296. Board sets licensure requirements; reports; lateral entry and mentor programs.**

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(b) It is the policy of the State of North Carolina to maintain the highest quality teacher education programs and school administrator programs in order to enhance the competence of professional personnel licensed in North Carolina. To the end that teacher preparation programs are upgraded to reflect a more rigorous course of study, the State Board of Education, as lead agency in coordination and cooperation with the University Board of Governors, the Board of Community Colleges and such other public and private agencies as are necessary, shall continue to refine the several licensure requirements, standards for approval of institutions of teacher education, standards for institution-based innovative and experimental programs, standards for implementing consortium-based teacher education, and standards for improved efficiencies in the administration of the approved programs.

(1) Licensure standards. –

- a. The licensure program shall provide for initial licensure after completion of preservice training, continuing licensure after three years of teaching experience, and license renewal every five years thereafter, until the retirement of the teacher. The last license renewal received prior to retirement shall remain in effect for five years after retirement. The licensure program shall also provide for lifetime licensure after 50 years of teaching.
- b. The State Board of Education, in consultation with the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina, shall evaluate and develop enhanced requirements for continuing licensure. The new requirements shall reflect more rigorous standards for continuing licensure and shall be aligned with high quality professional development programs that reflect State priorities for improving student achievement.
- c. The State Board of Education, in consultation with local boards of education and the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina, shall (i) reevaluate and enhance the requirements for renewal of teacher licenses, (ii) integrate digital teaching and learning into the requirements for licensure renewal, and (iii) consider modifications in the license renewal achievement and to make it a mechanism for teachers to renew continually their knowledge and professional skills.

(2) Teacher education programs. –

- a. The State Board of Education, as lead agency in coordination with the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina, the North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities, and any other



public and private agencies as necessary, shall continue to raise standards for entry into teacher education programs.

b. The State Board of Education, in consultation with the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina, shall require that all students preparing to teach demonstrate competencies in using digital and other instructional technologies to provide high-quality, integrated digital teaching and learning to all students.

c. To further ensure that teacher preparation programs remain current and reflect a rigorous course of study that is aligned to State and national standards, the State Board of Education, in consultation with the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina, shall do all of the following to ensure that students preparing are prepared to teach in elementary schools-schools:

1. ~~(i) have~~ Provide students with adequate coursework in the teaching of reading and ~~mathematics; mathematics.~~

2. ~~(ii) are assessed~~ Assess students prior to certification licensure to determine that they possess the requisite knowledge in scientifically based reading and mathematics instruction that is aligned with the State Board's ~~expectations; expectations.~~

3. ~~(iii) continue to receive~~ Continue to provide students with preparation in applying formative and summative assessments within the school and classroom setting through technology-based assessment systems available in North Carolina schools that measure and predict expected student ~~improvement; and improvement.~~

4. ~~(iv) are prepared~~ Prepare students to integrate arts education across the curriculum.

d. The State Board of Education, in consultation with local boards of education and the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina, shall evaluate and modify, as necessary, the academic requirements of teacher preparation programs for students preparing to teach science in middle and high schools to ensure that there is adequate preparation in issues related to science laboratory safety.

~~The State Board of Education, in consultation with the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina, shall evaluate and develop enhanced requirements for continuing licensure. The new requirements shall reflect more rigorous standards for continuing licensure and to the extent possible shall be aligned with quality professional development programs that reflect State priorities for improving student achievement.~~

~~The State Board of Education, in consultation with local boards of education and the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina, shall reevaluate and enhance the requirements for renewal of teacher licenses. The State Board shall consider modifications in the license renewal achievement and to make it a mechanism for teachers to renew continually their knowledge and professional skills. The State Board shall adopt new standards for the renewal of teacher licenses by May 15, 1998.~~

e. The standards for approval of institutions of teacher education shall require that teacher education programs for all students include demonstrated competencies in (i) the identification and education of children with disabilities and (ii) positive management of student behavior and effective communication techniques for defusing and deescalating disruptive or dangerous behavior.

f. The State Board of Education shall incorporate the criteria developed in accordance with G.S. 116-74.21 for assessing proposals under the School Administrator Training Program into its school administrator program approval standards.

g. All North Carolina institutions of higher education that offer teacher education programs, masters degree programs in education, or masters degree programs in school administration shall provide performance reports to the State Board of Education. The performance reports shall follow a common format, shall be

submitted according to a plan developed by the State Board, and shall include the information required under the plan developed by the State Board.

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(c1) The State Board of Community Colleges may provide a program of study for lateral entry teachers to complete the coursework necessary to earn a teaching license. To this end, the State Board of Education, in consultation with the State Board of Community Colleges, shall establish a competency-based program of study for lateral entry teachers to be implemented within the Community College System no later than May 1, 2006. This program must meet standards set by the State Board of Education. To ensure that programs of study for lateral entry remain current and reflect a rigorous course of study that is aligned to State and national standards, the State Board of Education shall do all of the following to ensure that lateral entry personnel are prepared to teach:

- ~~(i)~~(1) Provide adequate coursework in the teaching of reading and mathematics is available for lateral entry teachers seeking certification in elementary education; education.
- ~~(ii)~~(2) Assess lateral entry teachers ~~are assessed~~ prior to certification to determine that they possess the requisite knowledge in scientifically based reading and mathematics instruction that is aligned with the State Board's ~~expectations;~~ expectations.
- ~~(iii)~~(3) Prepare all lateral entry teachers ~~continue to receive preparation in applying to apply~~ formative and summative assessments within the school and classroom setting through technology-based assessment systems available in North Carolina schools that measure and predict expected student ~~improvement; and~~ improvement.
- ~~(iv)~~(4) ~~are prepared~~ Prepare all lateral entry teachers to integrate arts education across the curriculum.
- (5) Require that lateral entry teachers demonstrate competencies in using digital and other instructional technologies to provide high-quality, integrated digital teaching and learning to all students.

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**SECTION 2.** G.S. 115C-284 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:  
"(c3) The State Board of Education shall require that all students in school administrator preparation programs demonstrate competencies in (i) using digital and other instructional technologies and (ii) supporting teachers and other school personnel to use digital and other instructional technologies to ensure provision of high-quality, integrated digital teaching and learning to all students. The State Board of Education shall include continuing education in high-quality, integrated digital teaching and learning as a requirement of licensure renewal."

**SECTION 3.** The State Board of Education shall develop digital teaching and learning competencies to provide a framework for schools of education, school administrators, and classroom teachers on the needed skills to provide high-quality, integrated digital teaching and learning.

**SECTION 4.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act become effective July 1, 2017, and apply beginning with the 2017-2018 school year. Section 3 is effective when this act becomes law. In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.

s/ Daniel J. Forest  
President of the Senate

s/ Thom Tillis  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Pat McCrory  
Governor

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ .m. this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013