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BILL DRAFT 2017-TC-42 [v.5]

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Short Title: Reciprocity/School Psychologist Licensure.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT DIRECTING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO GRANT A LICENSE TO  
3 PRACTICE AS A SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST TO ANY INDIVIDUALS WHO HOLD  
4 THE NATIONALLY CERTIFIED SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST CREDENTIAL, AS  
5 RECOMMENDED BY THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON SAFER SCHOOLS.

6 Whereas, school psychologists perform essential services for the social, emotional,  
7 and mental health of students throughout North Carolina; and

8 Whereas, the number of school psychologists in the State has been steadily declining  
9 since the 2013-2014 academic year; and

10 Whereas, one reason the State faces a shortage of school psychologists is the lack of  
11 reciprocity granted to individuals who are licensed as school psychologists in other states and  
12 may wish to practice in North Carolina; and

13 Whereas, the standards to receive a Nationally Certified School Psychologist  
14 credential from the National Association of School Psychologists are at least as stringent as the  
15 standards the State currently requires for licensure as a school psychologist;

16 Now, therefore, The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

17 **SECTION 1.(a)** G.S. 115C-270.20(b) is repealed.

18 **SECTION 1.(b)** The catch line of G.S. 115C-270.20 reads as rewritten:

19 "**§ 115C-270.20. ~~Licensure~~ Teacher licensure requirements.**"

20 **SECTION 2.** Article 17E of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by  
21 adding a new section to read:

22 "**§ 115C-270.21. Administrator and student services personnel licensure requirements.**

23 (a) Administrators. – The State Board shall establish classification and levels of  
24 preparation necessary for issuance of licenses for administrators as provided in this Chapter.

25 (b) Student Services Personnel. – The State Board shall establish classification and levels  
26 of preparation necessary for issuance of licenses for student services personnel, as provided in  
27 this Article.

28 (1) School psychologists. – The State Board of Education shall issue a school  
29 psychologist license to an individual who does any of the following:

30 a. Meets the criteria for licensure as a school psychologist established by  
31 the State Board.

32 b. Holds the Nationally Certified School Psychologist credential issued  
33 by the National Association of School Psychologists.



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**SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law, and applies to applications for licensure submitted on or after that date.