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HOUSE DRH30641-LE-417 (5/15)

Short Title: Framework for Principal Board Certification.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Cotham.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT DIRECTING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP A
FRAMEWORK FOR A NORTH CAROLINA BOARD CERTIFICATION
PROCESS FOR PRINCIPALS AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) The State Board of Education, in cooperation with the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina, shall develop a framework for a North Carolina Board Certified Principal and Assistant Principal Program. The purpose of the program shall be (i) to strengthen the leadership and professional skills of principals and assistant principals, (ii) to assist with the State's efforts to attract and retain highly qualified school leaders, and (iii) thereby enhancing the learning environment in public schools to promote student achievement.

SECTION 1.(b) In developing the framework, the State Board of Education and the Board of Governors shall consult with the Center for School Leadership Development, the Principals Executive Program, the North Carolina Association of School Administrators, the N. C. Principals/Assistant Principals Association, Inc., and the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

SECTION 1.(c) It is the intent of the North Carolina Board Certified Principal and Assistant Principal Program to:

- (1) Align continued professional development with the North Carolina Standards for School Executives;
- (2) Support the development of principals and assistant principals as 21st century leaders;
- (3) Model the principal certification program after the teacher certification program developed by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards;

1 (4) Attract and retain principals and assistant principals to address the
2 growing shortage of highly qualified leaders in North Carolina public
3 schools; and

4 (5) Provide principals and assistant principals who have successfully
5 participated in the program with a supplementary salary incentive
6 commensurate with the increased demands and responsibilities of the
7 principalship.

8 **SECTION 1.(d)** The State Board of Education shall develop the principal
9 certification program that shall be implemented beginning with the 2009-2010 fiscal
10 year.

11 **SECTION 1.(e)** The State Board of Education shall develop a process to
12 evaluate the effectiveness of the Program.

13 **SECTION 1.(f)** The State Board of Education shall deliver a draft proposed
14 framework to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by December 1,
15 2008, and report on the cost of implementing for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

16 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
17 Department of Public Instruction the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the
18 2008-2009 fiscal year to implement the provisions of this act.

19 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.