

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 1997

SESSION LAW 1998-16
HOUSE BILL 989

AN ACT TO REMOVE THE FEE FOR THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS' EXAM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 115C-290.5(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) The Standards Board shall administer this Article. In fulfilling this duty, the Standards Board shall:

- (1) In accordance with subsection (c) of this section, develop and implement a North Carolina Public School Administrator Exam, based on the professional standards established by the Standards Board.
- (2) Establish and collect an application fee not to exceed fifty dollars ~~(\$50.00)~~, ~~and an exam fee not to exceed one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00)~~. Fees collected under this Article shall be credited to the General Fund as nontax revenue.
- (3) Review the educational achievements of an applicant to take the exam to determine whether the achievements meet the requirements set by G.S. 115C-290.7.
- (4) Notify the State Board of Education of the names and addresses of the persons who passed the exam and are thereby recommended to be certified as public school administrators by the State Board of Education.
- (5) Maintain accounts and records in accordance with the Executive Budget Act, Article 1 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes.
- (6) Adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 150B of the General Statutes to implement this Article.
- (7) Submit an annual report by December 1 of each year to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee of its activities during the preceding year, together with any recommendations and findings regarding improvement of the profession of public school administration."

Section 2. G.S. 115C-290.7(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) The Standards Board shall recommend for certification by the State Board an individual who submits a complete application to the Standards Board and satisfies all of the following requirements:

- (1) Pays the application fee established by the Standards Board.
- (2) ~~Pays the exam fee established by the Standards Board.~~

- (3) Has a bachelors degree from an accredited college or accredited university and (i) has a graduate degree from a public school administration program that meets the public school administrator program approval standards set by the State Board of Education, or (ii) has a masters degree from an accredited college or accredited university and has completed by December 31, 1999, a public school administration program that meets the public school administration approval standards set by the State Board of Education.
- (4) Passes the ~~exam~~-exam adopted by the State Board."

Section 3. This act is effective on and after January 1, 1998.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 16th day of June, 1998.

s/ Dennis A. Wicker
President of the Senate

s/ Harold J. Brubaker
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ James B. Hunt, Jr.
Governor

Approved 9:30 a.m. this 25th day of June, 1998