

1 "(4b) "Exchange teacher" means a nonimmigrant alien teacher participating
2 in an exchange visitor program designated by the United States
3 Department of State pursuant to 22 C.F.R. Part 62."

4 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 115C-325(c) is amended by adding a new subdivision to

5 read:

6 "(6) Status of Exchange Teachers. – Exchange teachers shall not be eligible
7 to obtain career status. However, for purposes of determining
8 eligibility to receive employment benefits under this Chapter,
9 including personal leave, annual vacation leave, and sick leave, an
10 exchange teacher shall be considered a permanent teacher if employed
11 with the expectation of at least six full consecutive monthly pay
12 periods of employment and if employed at least 20 hours per week."

13 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2002.