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SENATE BILL 448

Short Title: Professors in the Classroom. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Barefoot, Newton, Krawiec (Primary Sponsors); and Smith-Ingram.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

March 29, 2017

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO EMPLOY HIGHER
3 EDUCATION FACULTY MEMBERS TO SERVE AS ADJUNCT INSTRUCTORS FOR
4 CORE ACADEMIC SUBJECTS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. Article 20 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by
7 adding a new section to read:

8 "§ 115C-298.5. Adjunct K-12 instructors in core academic subjects.

9 (a) Adjunct Hiring Criteria. – The State Board of Education shall develop minimum
10 criteria of relevant education or employment experience for an individual who is currently
11 employed at an institution of higher education as a faculty member to qualify that individual to
12 contract as an adjunct instructor in specific core academic subjects in grades kindergarten
13 through 12 and shall make such criteria available to local boards of education.

14 (b) Contracting With Adjunct Instructors. – Notwithstanding any provisions in this
15 Article to the contrary and Part 3 of Article 22 of this Chapter, a local board of education may
16 contract with an individual to serve as an adjunct instructor who meets the adjunct hiring
17 criteria established by the State Board of Education for specific core academic subjects. The
18 local board of education may contract with an adjunct instructor on an annual or semester basis,
19 subject to the following requirements:

20 (1) An adjunct instructor may be employed for less than 20 hours per week or
21 for less than six full consecutive months of employment. Adjunct instructors
22 may be classified as temporary full-time or part-time employees. Based on
23 the status as a temporary public school employee, an adjunct instructor shall
24 not be eligible to earn paid leave, participate in the Teachers' and State
25 Employees' Retirement System, or receive or purchase health benefits
26 through the State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees.

27 (2) An adjunct instructor shall be subject to a criminal history check to ensure
28 that the person has not been convicted of any crime listed in G.S. 115C-332.

29 (3) An adjunct instructor shall not be required to hold or apply for licensure as a
30 teacher.

31 (4) If an adjunct instructor is not licensed as a teacher, the adjunct instructor
32 shall complete preservice training, which may be offered through an
33 educator preparation program or by a local school administrative unit, in all
34 of the following areas prior to beginning instruction:

35 a. The identification and education of children with disabilities.

36 b. Positive management of student behavior.



- 1 c. Effective communication for defusing and de-escalating disruptive or
- 2 dangerous behavior.
- 3 d. Safe and appropriate use of seclusion and restraint."
- 4 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.