

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2007**

**HOUSE BILL 583
RATIFIED BILL**

**AN ACT TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN A
COMMUNITY COLLEGE LATERAL ENTRY PROGRAM.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 115C-296(c1) reads as rewritten:

"(c1) The State Board of Community Colleges may provide a program of study for lateral entry teachers to complete the coursework necessary to earn a teaching certificate. To this end, the State Board of Education, in consultation with the State Board of Community Colleges, shall establish a competency-based program of study for lateral entry teachers to be implemented within the Community College System no later than May 1, 2006. This program must meet standards set by the State Board of Education.

The State Board of Community Colleges and the State Board of Education shall jointly identify the community college courses and the teacher education program courses that are necessary and appropriate for inclusion in the community college program of study for lateral entry teachers. To the extent possible, any courses that must be completed through an approved teacher education program shall be taught on a community college campus or shall be available through distance learning.

In order to participate in the community college program of study for lateral entry teachers, an individual ~~must:~~

- (1) ~~Hold~~must hold at least a bachelors degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher ~~education;~~ education.
- (2) ~~Have completed the bachelors degree at least five years before undertaking the program of study under this subsection; and~~
- (3) ~~Hold a lateral entry teaching certificate and be employed as a teacher in a local school administrative unit.~~

An individual who successfully completes this program of study and meets all other requirements of certification set by the State Board of Education shall be recommended for a North Carolina teaching certificate."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 29th day of June, 2007.

Marc Basnight
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

Joe Hackney
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Michael F. Easley
Governor

Approved _____m. this _____ day of _____, 2007