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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ALL GOVERNING BOARDS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS TO  
REQUEST RESIDENCY LICENSES AND TO CHANGE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE  
NORTH CAROLINA CHARTER SCHOOLS ADVISORY BOARD AND CREATE A  
STAGGER FOR THE APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**PART I. PERMIT CHARTER SCHOOL TEACHERS TO RECEIVE RESIDENCY  
LICENSURE**

**SECTION 1.(a)** G.S. 115C-270.20(a)(5) reads as rewritten:

"(5) Residency License or RL. – A one-year license, renewable twice, that meets both of the following requirements:

- a. Is requested by the ~~local board of education~~ governing board of a public school unit and accompanied by a certification of supervision from the recognized educator preparation program in which the individual is enrolled.
- b. The individual for whom the license is requested meets all of the following requirements:
  1. Holds a bachelor's degree.
  2. Has either completed coursework relevant to the requested licensure area or passed the content area examination relevant to the requested licensure area that has been approved by the State Board.
  3. Is enrolled in a recognized educator preparation program.
  4. Meets all other requirements established by the State Board, including completing preservice requirements prior to teaching."

**SECTION 1.(b)** This section applies to individuals seeking licensure on or after the effective date of this act.

**PART II. NORTH CAROLINA CHARTER SCHOOLS ADVISORY BOARD CHANGES**

**SECTION 2.(a)** G.S. 115C-218(b)(2) reads as rewritten:

"(2) Membership. – ~~The State Superintendent of Public Instruction, or the Superintendent's designee, shall be the secretary of the Advisory Board and a~~



~~nonvoting member.~~ The Advisory Board shall consist of the following 11 voting members:

- a. Repealed by Session Laws 2016-126, 4th Ex. Sess., s. 17, effective January 1, 2017.
- b. Four members appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, in accordance with G.S. 120-121.
- c. Four members appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, in accordance with G.S. 120-121.
- d. ~~Two members~~ One member appointed by the State Board of Education who ~~are~~ is not a current member of the State Board of Education and who ~~are~~ is a charter school ~~advocate~~ advocate in North Carolina.
- e. The Lieutenant Governor or the Lieutenant Governor's designee.
- f. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction or the Superintendent's designee. The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall be the secretary of the Advisory Board.

**SECTION 2.(b)** Notwithstanding G.S. 115C-218(b), as amended by this act, for one term expiring in 2021, appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, in accordance with G.S. 120-121, and for two terms expiring in 2021, appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, in accordance with G.S. 120-121, to the North Carolina Charter Schools Advisory Board, those members shall be appointed for two-year terms. As those terms expire in 2023 and thereafter, or as vacancies occur prior to the expiration of those terms, those members on the North Carolina Charter Schools Advisory Board shall be appointed in accordance with G.S. 115C-218.

**SECTION 2.(c)** This section is effective when it becomes law and applies to appointments made on or after that date.

### **PART III. EFFECTIVE DATE**

**SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to individuals seeking licensure on or after the effective date of this act.