

House Bill 1307

By: Representatives Dickson of the 6th, Neal of the 1st, Maxwell of the 17th, Carter of the 175th, Casas of the 103rd, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-200 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 teacher certification, so as to temporarily suspend professional learning requirements for
3 certification renewal for teachers and paraprofessionals; to provide for related matters; to
4 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 20-2-200 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to teacher
8 certification, is amended by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (b) as follows:

9 "(4) Requirements for certification renewal shall be established to foster ongoing
10 professional learning, enhance student achievement, and verify standards of ethical
11 conduct; provided, however, that from July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2015, no
12 professional learning requirements shall be required for certificate renewal for clear
13 renewable certificates for certificated personnel or for certificate renewal for
14 paraprofessionals. Such requirements may include, but are not limited to, professional
15 learning related to school improvement plans or the applicant's field of certification and
16 background checks. Should the Professional Standards Commission include a
17 requirement to demonstrate computer skill competency, the rules and regulations shall
18 provide that a certificated educator may elect to meet the requirement by:

19 (A) Completing a course in computer skill competency, including but not limited to the
20 phase one InTech model training program; or

21 (B) Receiving satisfactory results on a test in basic computer skill competency. If a
22 certificated educator elects to take such test pursuant to this subparagraph, the local
23 school system by which such educator is employed shall make available the opportunity
24 to take the test on site at the school in which the educator is assigned. Each principal
25 shall identify an administrator on site at each school to serve as a proctor for individuals
26 taking the test pursuant to this subparagraph.

27 Individuals holding a valid Georgia life certificate or a valid National Board for
28 Professional Teaching Standards certificate shall be deemed to have met state renewal
29 requirements except those related to background checks."

30 **SECTION 2.**

31 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.