

House Bill 1307 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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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 eliminate a required course in  
4 computer skill competency; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for  
5 other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

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

10 "(4) Requirements for certification renewal shall be established to foster ongoing  
11 professional learning, enhance student achievement, and verify standards of ethical  
12 conduct; provided, however, that from July 1, 2010, through July 1, 2015, no professional  
13 learning requirements shall be required for certificate renewal for clear renewable  
14 certificates for certificated personnel or for certificate renewal for paraprofessionals.

15 Such requirements may include, but are not limited to, professional learning related to  
16 school improvement plans or the applicant's field of certification and background checks.  
17 Should the Professional Standards Commission include a requirement to demonstrate  
18 computer skill competency, the rules and regulations shall provide that a certificated  
19 educator may elect to meet the requirement by:

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

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

27 school to serve as a proctor for individuals taking the test pursuant to this ~~subparagraph~~  
28 paragraph.

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

32 **SECTION 2.**

33 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.