

Bill Summary
2nd Session of the 57th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB 1115
Version:	FS1
Request No.:	3965
Author:	Sen. Sharp
Date:	03/09/2020

Floor Substitute (FS)

The FS for SB 1115 allows the State Board of Education to renew the emergency or provisional certificate of a person who has been employed by a school district for at least 2 years if the individual has not passed competency examinations, he or she submits a portfolio of work including evidence of progress toward standard certification to the State Board of Education, the employing district renews his or her contract for the ensuing fiscal year and the superintendent provides a reason for the renewal and provides evidence of the district's inability to hire a teacher with a standard certificate.

The measure states that individuals employed by a school district under an emergency or provisional certificate are not to be considered career teachers and are not entitled to the protections of the Teacher Due Process Act of 1990. The FS allows the State Board of Education, in consultation with the Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability, to grant an exception to the subject area examination requirement in a field that does not require an advanced degree if the candidate has an advanced degree in a subject that is substantially comparable to the content assessed on the subject area examination. The measure requires the degree to be from an institution accredited by a national or regional accrediting agency recognized by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of education.

Prepared by: Kalen Taylor