



# HOUSE BILL 556: Transliterator Licensing Board Mods.

2023-2024 General Assembly

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<b>Committee:</b>	House State Government. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	<b>Date:</b>	April 6, 2023
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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 556 would modify the requirements for full and provisional licensure as a transliterator or interpreter.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Chapter 90D, the Interpreter and Transliterator Licensure Act, establishes the North Carolina Interpreter and Transliterator Licensing Board, and outlines the powers of that Board and licensure requirements for the practice of interpreting and transliterating. Currently, G.S. 90D-7 outlines the requirements for full licensure as an interpreter or transliterator, and G.S. 90D-8 outlines the requirements for provisional licensure as an interpreter or transliterator.

## **BILL ANALYSIS:**

The bill would:

- Amend the statutory list of acceptable industry certifications and assessments that an applicant would need to hold to meet full licensure qualifications in this State.
- Amend the statutory requirements to include that an applicant hold at least a two-year associate degree in interpreting and amend the list of acceptable industry certifications, classifications, and assessments that an applicant would need to hold to meet provisional licensure qualifications in this State.

The bill would also direct the North Carolina Interpreter and Transliterator Licensing Board to adopt temporary rules to implement these changes and specifies those temporary rules would remain effective until permanent rules become effective as a replacement.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Section 1 of this act would become effective October 1, 2023, and apply to licenses and provisional licenses issued or renewed by the North Carolina Interpreter and Transliterator Licensing Board after that date. The remainder of this act would be effective when it becomes law.

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