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SENATE BILL 124*

Short Title: Drop-out Prevention.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Ward, Conder, and Martin of Guilford.

Referred to: Education.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO INCREASE STATE EFFORT TO PREVENT DROPPING OUT OF
SCHOOL BEFORE GRADUATION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The State Board of Education shall encourage local units to explore alternative programs with Senate Bill 2 flexibility under the Performance-Based Accountability Program, to reduce dropouts.

Sec. 2. The Department of Public Education and the State Board of Community Colleges shall adopt rules and procedures to provide more accurate, comprehensive, and timely data on high school dropouts, alternative placements, progress, and follow-through in alternative programs, shall require that local school administrative units and the institutions of the Community Colleges system comply, and shall use a standard measure of accountability.

Sec. 3. The Department of Public Instruction shall:

- (1) Conduct policy research on the issues of longer compulsory attendance, on the tying of the drivers license to staying in school, and the limiting of after-school employment hours, from those states that have implemented such changes; and
- (2) Direct the Department of Public Instruction to reevaluate current attendance law to assess whether it is being adequately enforced.

Sec. 4. This act becomes effective July 1, 1991.