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SENATE BILL 976*

Short Title: Dropout Rate Computation/ABCs Prog.   (Public)

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Sponsors: Senator Carter.

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Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

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1   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2   AN ACT REGARDING THE COMPUTATION OF DROPOUT RATES FOR THE
3   ABCs PROGRAM.
4   The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
5   Section 1. G.S. 115C-105.35 reads as rewritten:
6   "**§ 115C-105.35. Annual performance** ~~goals.~~ **goals; computation of dropout rates for**
7   **the accountability system.**
8   (a)   The School-Based Management and Accountability Program shall (i) focus on
9   student performance in the basics of reading, mathematics, and communications skills in
10 elementary and middle schools, (ii) focus on student performance in courses required for
11 graduation and on other measures required by the State Board in the high schools, and
12 (iii) hold schools accountable for the educational growth of their students. To those ends,
13 the State Board shall design and implement an accountability system that sets annual
14 performance standards for each school in the State in order to measure the growth in
15 performance of the students in each individual school.
16   (b)   In calculating dropout rates for the purpose of this accountability system, the
17 State Board shall not include any student who:
18   (1)   Transfers to a community college;
19   (2)   Is placed by the courts in a setting in which educational opportunities
20   are provided;

1   (3)   Is expelled from school;
2   (4)   Does not return to school after a suspension of 10 days or more; or
3   (5)   Has previously been counted as a dropout.
4   The State Board may continue to use other methods of computing dropout rates for other
5   purposes."
6   Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1999.