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SENATE BILL 1139*

Short Title: Require Use EVAAS in Schools. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Foriest, Dorsett, Hartsell, Stevens; and Atwater.

Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAMS TO USE EVAAS OR A COMPATIBLE SYSTEM TO COLLECT DIAGNOSTIC INFORMATION ON STUDENTS AND TO USE THAT INFORMATION TO IMPROVE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 115C-105.27(a) reads as rewritten:

"§ **115C-105.27. Development and approval of school improvement plans.**

(a) In order to improve student performance, each school shall develop a school improvement plan that takes into consideration the annual performance goal for that school that is set by the State Board under G.S. 115C-105.35 and the goals set out in the mission statement for the public schools adopted by the State Board of Education. The principal of each school, representatives of the assistant principals, instructional personnel, instructional support personnel, and teacher assistants assigned to the school building, and parents of children enrolled in the school shall constitute a school improvement team to develop a school improvement plan to improve student performance. Representatives of the assistant principals, instructional personnel, instructional support personnel, and teacher assistants shall be elected by their respective groups by secret ballot. Unless the local board of education has adopted an election policy, parents shall be elected by parents of children enrolled in the school in an election conducted by the parent and teacher organization of the school or, if none exists, by the largest organization of parents formed for this purpose. Parents serving on school improvement teams shall reflect the racial and socioeconomic composition of the students enrolled in that school and shall not be members of the building-level staff. Parental involvement is a critical component of school success and positive student achievement; therefore, it is the intent of the General Assembly that parents, along with teachers, have a substantial role in developing school improvement plans. To this end, school improvement team meetings shall be held at a convenient time to assure substantial parent participation.

All school improvement plans shall be, to the greatest extent possible, data-driven. School improvement teams shall use the Education Value Added Assessment System (EVAAS) or a compatible system, to analyze student data to identify root causes for problems and to determine actions to address them. School improvement plans shall contain clear, unambiguous targets, explicit indicators and actual measures, and expeditious time frames for meeting the measurement standards."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

