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Short Title: GPAC/Continuum of Education Prog.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT A RECOMMENDATION OF THE GOVERNMENT
PERFORMANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE REGARDING THE CONTINUUM OF
EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. A new Chapter is added to the General Statutes to read:

"CHAPTER 116C.

"CONTINUUM OF EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

"§ 116C-1. Education Cabinet created.

(a) The Education Cabinet is created. The Education Cabinet shall be located administratively within, and shall exercise its powers within existing resources of, the Office of the Governor. However, the Education Cabinet shall exercise its statutory powers independently of the Office of the Governor.

(b) The Education Cabinet shall consist of the Governor, who shall serve as chair, the President of The University of North Carolina, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the President of the North Carolina Community College System. The Education Cabinet shall invite representatives of private education to participate in its deliberations as adjunct members.

(c) The Education Cabinet shall be a nonvoting body that:

(1) Works to resolve issues between existing providers of education.

(2) Sets the agenda for the State Education Commission.

(3) Develops a strategic design for a continuum of education programs, in accordance with G.S. 116C-3.

1 (4) Studies other issues referred to it by the Governor or the General
2 Assembly.

3 (d) The Office of the Governor, in coordination with the staffs of The University
4 of North Carolina, the North Carolina Community College System, and the Department
5 of Public Instruction, shall provide staff to the Education Cabinet.

6 **"§ 116C-2. State Education Commission.**

7 The State Education Commission shall consist of the Board of Governors of The
8 University of North Carolina, the State Community College Board, and the State Board
9 of Education. The Governor shall call the meetings of the State Education Commission.

10 The Commission shall be a forum for airing proposals and engaging in board-to-
11 board dialogue about issues the Education Cabinet is addressing. The agenda for
12 Commission meetings shall be set by the Education Cabinet.

13 **"§ 116C-3. Strategic design for a continuum of education programs.**

14 The Education Cabinet shall develop a strategic design for a continuum of education
15 programs. A continuum of education programs is the complement of programs
16 delivered by the State to learners at all levels.

17 The new design shall take into account issues raised by the Government
18 Performance Audit Committee of the Legislative Research Commission.

19 The design process shall:

20 (1) Include vigorous examination of all programs as if they were being
21 created for the first time.

22 (2) Compare the existing structures, funding levels, and responsibilities of
23 each system to the new design.

24 The Education Cabinet shall report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight
25 Committee on the strategic design it develops before January 1, 1995."

26 Sec. 2. The Education Cabinet created under Section 1 of this act shall
27 exercise its powers within the available resources of the Office of the Governor. The
28 Education Commission created under Section 1 of this act shall exercise its powers
29 within the shared available resources of the State Board of Education, the Board of
30 Governors of The University of North Carolina, and the State Community College
31 Board.

32 Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.