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HOUSE BILL 1848

Short Title: Reduce Paperwork in Public Schools.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Nesbitt; Hurley, Adams, Blue, Wainwright, and Jeffus.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO REDUCE PAPERWORK IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THEREBY
2 SAVE TIME AND MONEY THAT CAN BE USED TO EDUCATE CHILDREN
3 TO STUDY ISSUES RELATED TO FUNDING EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR
4 CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO
5 STUDY THESE ISSUES.
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7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 Section 1. G.S. 115C-307(g) reads as rewritten:

9 "(g) To Make Required Reports. — ~~Every teacher of a public school shall make such~~
10 ~~reports as are~~ A teacher shall make all reports required by the boards of education, and the
11 local board of education. The superintendent shall not approve the vouchers for the pay of
12 ~~teachers~~ voucher for a teacher's pay until the required monthly and annual reports are
13 ~~made. Provided, that the superintendents may require teachers made.~~

14 The superintendent may require a teacher to make reports to the principals. ~~principal.~~

15 A teacher shall be given access to the student information management system to
16 expedite the process of preparing reports or otherwise providing information. A teacher
17 shall not be required by the local board, the superintendent, or the principal to (i)
18 provide information that is already available on the student information
19 management system; (ii) provide the same information more than once during a school
20 year; or (iii) complete forms regarding compliance with the federal Individuals with

1 Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) that are not required by the United States Department
2 of Education.

3 ~~Provided further, that any~~ Any teacher who knowingly and willfully makes or procures
4 another to make any false report or records, requisitions, or payrolls, respecting daily
5 attendance of pupils in the public schools, payroll data sheets, or other reports required to
6 be made to any board or officer in the performance of their duties, shall be guilty of a
7 Class 1 misdemeanor and the certificate of such person to teach in the public schools of
8 North Carolina shall be revoked by the Superintendent of Public Instruction."

9 Section 2. G.S. 115C-47(18) reads as rewritten:

10 "(18) To Make Rules Concerning the Conduct and Duties of Personnel. –
11 Local boards of education, upon the recommendation of the
12 superintendent, shall have full power to make all just and needful
13 rules and regulations governing the conduct of teachers, principals,
14 and supervisors, the kind of reports they shall make, and their duties
15 in the care of school property.

16 Prior to the beginning of each school year, each local board of
17 education shall identify all reports, including local school required
18 reports, that are required at the local level for the school ~~year~~ year and
19 shall, to the maximum extent possible, eliminate any duplicate or
20 obsolete reporting requirements. No additional reports shall be required
21 at the local level after the beginning of the school year without the prior
22 approval of the local board of education.

23 Each local board of education shall also establish a paperwork
24 control committee to monitor all reports and other paperwork produced
25 by or required by the central office."

26 Section 3. The State Board of Education shall:

- 27 (1) Review requirements for reports from local school administrative
28 units and, to the extent possible, eliminate any duplicate or obsolete
29 reporting requirements;
- 30 (2) Develop a plan for the implementation of a paperless student
31 information management system prior to the 2005-2006 school year
32 and request funds necessary for the implementation of the system;
- 33 (3) Work with the United States Department of Education to standardize
34 all forms required under the federal Individuals with Disabilities
35 Education Act (IDEA);
- 36 (4) Study the amount of State and local funds expended to meet
37 compliance standards established under IDEA and State law;
- 38 (5) Develop a plan to cut spending for compliance issues related to
39 special education by fifty percent (50%) for the 2001-2002 fiscal
40 year and to direct the savings to direct services for children with
41 special needs; and
- 42 (6) Develop a plan to fund compliance issues related to special
43 education only with federal funds provided specifically for that

1 purpose for the 2002-2003 fiscal year and to eliminate all State
2 funding for compliance issues.

3 The State Board shall report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee
4 prior to December 15, 2001, on its progress in implementing this section.

5 Section 4.(a) The State Board of Education shall study issues related to
6 funding educational services for children with special needs. In the course of the study,
7 the State Board shall consider:

8 (1) The current method of allocating State and federal funds for
9 educating children with special needs;

10 (2) The needs of children in local school administrative units in which
11 the number of children with special needs exceeds twelve and five-
12 tenths percent (12.5%) of average daily membership;

13 (3) The needs of children in local school administrative units in which,
14 due to the availability of special programs to meet the needs of
15 children with severe disabilities, there is a significant population of
16 children with severe disabilities whose parents live in other local
17 school administrative units; and

18 (4) Other issues related to the provision of educational services to
19 children with special needs.

20 The State Board of Education shall report the results of this study, including
21 recommendations for modifications to the current system of funding, to the Joint
22 Legislative Education Oversight Committee prior to March 31, 2001.

23 Section 4.(b) The Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee shall also
24 study the issues the State Board of Education is directed to study in subsection (a) of this
25 section. The Committee shall consider the results of the State Board's study and its own
26 study and shall make a recommendation on this issue to the 2001 General Assembly.

27 Section 5. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the State Board of
28 Education the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the 2000-2001 fiscal year to
29 implement Section 3 and Section 4(a) of this act.

30 Section 6. This act becomes effective July 1, 2000.