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SENATE BILL 1462

Short Title: Study of K-12 School Governance. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Dorsett.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

March 26, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMITTEE ON
2 PUBLIC SCHOOL GOVERNANCE.

3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.(a)** There is created the Joint Legislative Study Committee on
5 Public School Governance. The Committee shall consist of 12 members, six appointed
6 by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and six appointed by the Speaker of the
7 House of Representatives.

8 The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint a cochair, and the
9 Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint a cochair for the Committee. The
10 Committee may meet at any time upon the joint call of the cochairs. Vacancies on the
11 Committee shall be filled by the same appointing authority as made the initial
12 appointment.

13 The Committee, while in the discharge of its official duties, may exercise all
14 powers provided for under G.S. 120-19 and G.S. 120-19.1 through G.S. 120-19.4. The
15 Committee may contract for professional, clerical, or consultant services as provided by
16 G.S. 120-32.02.

17 Subject to the approval of the Legislative Services Commission, the
18 Committee may meet in the Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building. The
19 Legislative Services Commission, through the Legislative Services Officer, shall assign
20 professional staff to assist the Committee in its work. The House of Representatives'
21 and the Senate's Supervisors of Clerks shall assign clerical support staff to the
22 Committee, and the expenses relating to the clerical employees shall be borne by the
23 Committee. Members of the Committee shall receive subsistence and travel expenses at
24 the rates set forth in G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, or 138-6, as appropriate.

25 **SECTION 1.(b)** The Committee shall study issues related to public school
26 governance and consider the advisability of more closely aligning the governance
27 system of K-12 with that of The University of North Carolina and the Community
28 College System. Specifically, the study committee shall assess the current system of
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1 appointing members to the State Board of Education, the length of terms for members
2 of the State Board of Education, and the current system of having both a State
3 Superintendent of Instruction elected by the people but infused with virtually no
4 authority and an appointed Deputy State Superintendent appointed by and reporting to
5 the State Board of Education and infused with day-to-day authority over the Department
6 of Public Instruction.

7 **SECTION 1.(c)** The Committee shall submit a report of its findings and
8 recommendations, including any legislative recommendations, to the 2008 Regular
9 Session of the 2007 General Assembly. The Committee shall terminate upon filing its
10 report.

11 **SECTION 1.(d)** Of the funds appropriated to the General Assembly, the
12 Legislative Services Commission shall allocate funds for the expenses of the Committee
13 established by this section.

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