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HOUSE BILL 587
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/17/13

Short Title: OCS/ECS/Exemption From ACT.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 8, 2013

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO EXEMPT STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE OCCUPATIONAL COURSE OF
3 STUDY AND THE EXTENDED COURSE OF STUDY FROM THE ACT AND ACT
4 PRECURSOR TESTING REQUIREMENTS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-174.11(c)(4) reads as rewritten:

7 "(4) To the extent funds are made available, the State Board shall plan for and
8 require the administration of the ACT test for all students in the eleventh
9 grade unless the student has already taken a comparable test and scored at or
10 above a level set by the State Board. The State Board shall not require the
11 administration of the ACT test or any precursor test to the ACT test, such as
12 PLAN or EXPLORE, to any student enrolled in the Occupational Course of
13 Study or the Extended Course of Study. The State Board may develop
14 alternative assessment measures for these students."

15 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 115C-174.22 reads as rewritten:

16 "§ 115C-174.22. **Tools for student learning.**

17 To the extent funds are made available for this purpose, and except as otherwise provided in
18 G.S. 115C-174.11(c)(4), the State Board shall plan for and require the administration of
19 diagnostic tests in the eighth and tenth grades that align to the ACT test in order to help
20 diagnose student learning and provide for students an indication of whether they are on track to
21 be remediation-free at a community college or university."

22 **SECTION 3.** The State Board of Education shall apply to the U.S. Department of
23 Education for an amendment to the federal waiver obtained by the State Board regarding
24 accountability measures under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, 20 U.S.C. § 6311,
25 to implement the requirements of this act.

26 **SECTION 4.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act become effective September 1, 2014, or
27 upon the approval of the waiver amendment required to be submitted to the U.S. Department of
28 Education in accordance with Section 3 of this act, whichever occurs earlier. The remainder of
29 this act is effective when it becomes law.

