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SENATE BILL 765

Short Title: Adequate Funding/Alternative Schools.

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Sponsors: Senators Dannelly; Albertson, Ballance, Gulley, Hoyle, Jenkins, Jordan, Kerr, Lucas, Martin of Pitt, Martin of Guilford, Odom, Perdue, Rucho, Soles, and Winner.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO DEDICATE  
3 ADEQUATE FUNDING TO STUDENTS IN ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. G.S. 115C-12(24) reads as rewritten:

6 "(24) Duty to Develop Guidelines for Alternative Learning Programs,  
7 Provide Technical Assistance on Implementation of Programs, and  
8 Evaluate Programs. – The State Board of Education shall adopt  
9 guidelines for assigning students to alternative learning programs.  
10 These guidelines shall include (i) a description of the programs and  
11 services that are recommended to be provided in alternative learning  
12 programs and (ii) a process for ensuring that an assignment is  
13 appropriate for the student and that the student's parents are involved  
14 in the decision.

15 The State Board of Education shall also adopt guidelines to  
16 encourage local boards of education to dedicate at least as much  
17 funding, on average, to students in alternative schools as to all students  
18 in the local school administrative unit.

1                   The State Board of Education shall provide technical support to  
2                   local school administrative units to assist them in developing and  
3                   implementing plans for alternative learning programs.

4                   The State Board shall evaluate the effectiveness of alternative  
5                   learning programs and, in its discretion, of any other programs funded  
6                   from the Alternative Schools/At-Risk Student allotment. Local school  
7                   administrative units shall report to the State Board of Education on how  
8                   funds in the Alternative Schools/At-Risk Student allotment are spent  
9                   and shall otherwise cooperate with the State Board of Education in  
10                  evaluating the alternative learning programs. The State Board of  
11                  Education shall report annually to the Joint Legislative Education  
12                  Oversight Committee, beginning in December 1996, on the results of  
13                  this evaluation."

14                  Section 2. The State Board of Education shall report to the Joint Legislative  
15                  Education Oversight Committee in August 1997, and in March 1998, on the  
16                  implementation of this act.

17                  Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.