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SENATE BILL 765
House Committee Substitute Favorable 5/26/97

Short Title: Adequate Funding/Alternative Schools.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 9, 1997

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE 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 require that local school administrative units shall use (i) the teachers
17 allocated for students assigned to alternative learning programs pursuant
18 to the regular teacher allotment and (ii) the teachers allocated for

1 students assigned to alternative learning programs only to serve the
2 needs of these students.

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

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

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

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