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#### A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO EXTEND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES TO INCLUDE ALTERNATIVE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ELECTIVE COURSE CREDIT.

Whereas, students are involved in many programs outside of the traditional classroom and these programs have educational value; and

Whereas, many businesses and trade associations may have an interest in offering programs outside of the traditional classroom that are attractive to students and contain educational value; and

Whereas, learning opportunities that are designed to address the interests and aptitudes of each student have the potential to allow every student to discover, develop, and apply their talents to realize their full potential; and

Whereas, there exist policies that multiply educational opportunities outside of the traditional classroom in other states; and

Whereas, providing credit for alternative educational opportunities will enrich the learning environment of students and develop well-rounded individuals ready for a life of learning, productive work, and community involvement; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-47 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

"(34b) Power to Approve Alternative Educational Opportunities for Elective Course Credit. – Each local board of education may adopt a policy establishing requirements for approval of alternative educational opportunities for elective course credit as provided in G.S. 115C-104.10(a)."

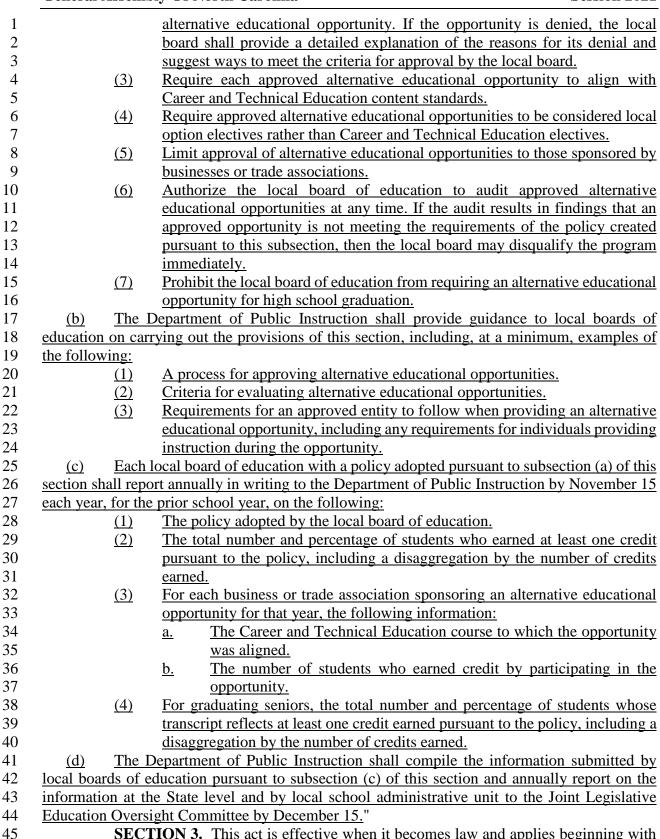
**SECTION 2.** Article 8 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new Part to read:

"Part 6. Expanded Learning Opportunities.

# "§ 115C-104.10. Elective course credit for alternative educational opportunities.

- (a) Each local board of education may adopt a policy authorizing students to earn elective course credit for alternative educational opportunities that take place outside of the required instructional day. If adopted, the policy shall meet the following requirements:
  - (1) Establish a process for approving alternative educational opportunities.
  - (2) Establish criteria for approving alternative educational opportunities, including any requirements for individuals providing instruction during the opportunities. The local board shall have the authority to approve or deny an





**SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with the 2022-2023 school year. The first reports required by G.S. 115C-104.10(c) and (d), as enacted by this act, shall be due by November 15, 2023, and December 15, 2023, respectively.

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