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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 70*

Sponsors: Representatives Barnes, Black, Fussell, Gray, McAllister, Rogers; Bowman and Stamey.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A SYSTEM TO DEVELOP AND
2 IMPLEMENT A SYSTEM FOR BUILDING IMPROVEMENT REPORTS.

3 Whereas, the 1991 General Assembly charged the State Board of Education
4 to develop a system of school building improvement reports for each school building;
5 and

6 Whereas, the building improvement reports are intended to regularly and
7 systematically report school progress to the parents and citizens of the communities
8 served by the schools; and

9 Whereas, the State Board of Education developed a system and reported its
10 plan to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on December 1, 1992; and

11 Whereas, the 1991 General Assembly charged the Joint Legislative Education
12 Oversight Committee to submit a proposed plan for school building reports to the 1993
13 General Assembly for its approval; and

14 Whereas, the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee reviewed the
15 plan submitted by the State Board of Education which includes technical assistance by
16 the Department of Public Instruction to local units so that those units may by computer
17 program use local test data to create unique reports for each school building; and

18 Whereas, according to the State Board Report all building reports will include
19 the following minimum information:

20 Average daily attendance;

21 The number and percent of students in each of the following categories:
22 race, gender, gifted, handicapped, and those educationally disadvantaged;

- 1 Number and types of staff members by category;
2 Student/teacher ratios;
3 Characteristics of classroom teachers;
4 Parent education levels;
5 Percent of students eligible for free and reduced lunch;
6 Absentee rates;
7 Student performance;
8 Postgraduation performance;
9 School performance on Accountability Act goals;
10 Advanced placement performance and participation;
11 Diploma and certificate ratios; and
12 Graduation, retention, and dropout rates; and
13 Whereas, the State Board plan recommended but did not require that school
14 reports disaggregate school performance data by race and gender; and
15 Whereas, the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee finds that
16 disaggregation of performance data by race and gender will result in opportunities to
17 specifically target the needs and school performance of specific populations; and
18 Whereas, the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee finds that the
19 State Board plan mentions but does not emphasize that building improvement reports
20 shall specifically report on progress made on each building's unique goals for qualitative
21 improvement, for example, increased parent involvement and welcome or dynamic
22 school environments; and
23 Whereas, G.S. 115C-12(9) requires that the first building improvement
24 reports shall be produced by local school units by March 15, 1995;
25 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:
26 Section 1. The plan by the State Board of Education to develop and
27 implement a system for building improvement reports is approved with the following
28 modifications:
29 (1) Performance data shall be disaggregated by race and by gender on
30 each school building improvement report;
31 (2) Progress made on each building's unique goals for qualitative
32 improvements shall be emphasized in the development of the plan and
33 reported by each building in its report; and
34 (3) Reports shall be sent to the Department of Public Instruction by the
35 local school administrative unit and shall be made available by the unit
36 to any person requesting the report.
37 Sec. 2. This resolution is effective upon ratification.