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Short Title: At-Risk Students Task Force.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Preston, Grady, Black, McMahan, Rogers; Aldridge, Culp, Dockham, Moore, Morris, Mosley, Shubert, Smith, Warner, Watson, and Yongue.

Referred to: Education.

February 10, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT VARIOUS STATE OFFICERS AND OTHERS TO DEVELOP
2 A PLAN TO ESTABLISH LOCAL INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS TO
3 ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF AT-RISK STUDENTS.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. (a) There is created the At-Risk Students Task Force under the State
7 Board of Education. The Task Force shall consist of the Chair of the State Board of
8 Education, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Secretary of Human Resources,
9 the State Health Director, the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts, and a
10 teacher who works with students who are at risk. Each officer may designate one
11 representative from that officer's department or office to represent that officer on the Task
12 Force. These officers also may appoint additional members who represent other State
13 and local public agencies to the Task Force. The Chair of the State Board of Education,
14 or the Chair's designee, shall serve as the Chair of the Task Force. The Department of
15 Public Instruction and the Department of Human Resources shall provide staff and
16 clerical support to the Task Force. The State Board of Education shall fund the Task
17 Force within funds available to it.

1 (b) The Task Force shall develop a plan to develop interagency agreements
2 between local school administrative units and other local public agencies, including,
3 among others, health departments, departments of social services, mental health agencies,
4 and courts, in order to provide cooperative services to students who are at risk of school
5 failure, at risk of participation in juvenile crime, or both.

6 (c) The Task Force shall report its plan, along with any suggested statutory
7 revisions, to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by October 15, 1997,
8 at which time the Task Force shall terminate.

9 Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.