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SENATE BILL 14*
Education/Higher Education Committee Substitute Adopted 2/6/13

Short Title: Increase Access To Career/Technical Ed.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

January 31, 2013

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP CAREER
2 AND COLLEGE ENDORSEMENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS, INCREASE
3 ACCESS TO CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION TEACHERS IN PUBLIC
4 SCHOOLS, AND TO WORK WITH THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY
5 COLLEGES TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLING IN
6 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN HIGH NEED EMPLOYMENT AREAS.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.(a)** G.S. 115C-12 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

9 "(40) To Establish High School Diploma Endorsements. – The State Board of
10 Education shall establish, implement, and determine the impact of adding (i)
11 college, (ii) career, and (iii) college and career endorsements to high school
12 diplomas to encourage students to obtain requisite job skills and to reduce
13 the need for remedial education in institutions of higher education. These
14 endorsements shall reflect courses completed, overall grade point average,
15 and other criteria as developed by the State Board of Education. The State
16 Board of Education shall report annually to the Joint Legislative Education
17 Oversight Committee on the impact of awarding these endorsements on high
18 school graduation, college acceptance and remediation, and post-high school
19 employment rates."
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21 **SECTION 1.(b)** The State Board of Education shall make high school diploma
22 endorsements, as provided under this section, available to students graduating high school
23 beginning with the 2014-2015 school year. The State Board of Education shall report to the
24 Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on the progress toward establishing specific
25 college and career endorsements for high school diplomas and for awarding these endorsements
26 by February 1, 2014. The State Board of Education shall submit the report on the impact of
27 awarding the high school endorsements on high school graduation, college acceptance and
28 remediation, and post-high school employment rates by September 1, 2016, and annually
29 thereafter.

30 **SECTION 2.(a)** G.S. 115C-296.7(d) reads as rewritten:

31 "(d) The State Board of Education shall identify local school administrative units with
32 unmet recruitment ~~needs~~needs, especially for career and technical education teachers, and high
33 needs schools and shall coordinate placement of NC Teacher Corps members in those schools."

34 **SECTION 2.(b)** The State Board of Education shall (i) revise post-secondary
35 education and evaluation requirements for teacher licensure of career and technical education
36 teachers to increase accessibility to the licensure process while maintaining quality of



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1 instruction and (ii) develop alternative professional development, mentoring, and curricular
2 models to support career and technical education teachers who may not have an extensive
3 teaching or classroom management background.

4 **SECTION 2.(c)** The State Board of Education shall report to the Joint Legislative
5 Education Oversight Committee by January 15, 2014, on progress made in increasing
6 accessibility to the licensure process and in developing alternative professional development
7 supports for career and technical education teachers who may not have an extensive teaching or
8 classroom management background.

9 **SECTION 3.(a)** The State Board of Education, in collaboration with the State
10 Board of Community Colleges, shall develop strategies to increase the number of high school
11 students engaging in career and technical education, especially in the areas of engineering and
12 industrial technologies, and in other occupations with high numbers of employment
13 opportunities. In developing these strategies, the Boards shall consider sharing of instructors,
14 facilities, equipment, and business internship opportunities between the public schools and
15 community colleges to facilitate these goals.

16 **SECTION 3.(b)** The State Board of Education and the State Board of Community
17 Colleges shall jointly report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by
18 October 1, 2014, on progress made on developing strategies to increase student engagement in
19 career and technical education, especially in engineering and industrial technologies, and in
20 other occupations with high numbers of employment opportunities.

21 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.