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HOUSE BILL 940

Short Title: School-Based Mental Health Service Study. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Prather.

For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

May 1, 2024

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO STUDY THE
IMPACT OF SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ON STUDENT
OUTCOMES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The Department of Public Instruction shall conduct a study of the impact of school-based mental health services on student outcomes. The Department shall report the findings of their study to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee no later than January 1, 2025. At a minimum, the report shall include the following information:

- (1) The public school units studied.
- (2) The job title and qualifications, including education and experience, of the mental health service providers in the public school units studied.
- (3) Any impact on daily attendance or participation during instructional hours observed once the school-based services were offered versus the daily attendance or participation during instructional hours the school observed before offering services.
- (4) Any other information the Department deems relevant to the study.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year to conduct the study and issue the report required by this act.

SECTION 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2024.

