

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2001**

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**SENATE BILL 378**

Short Title: Educ. Degree Not Req'd./Local Superintendent. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Lee, Dannelly, Hartsell, Moore, Garwood, Garrou, and Carpenter.

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Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

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March 8, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PERMIT AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS LEADERSHIP,  
2 MANAGEMENT, AND ADMINISTRATIVE ABILITY IN A FIELD OTHER  
3 THAN EDUCATION TO SERVE AS A LOCAL SUPERINTENDENT OF  
4 SCHOOLS.  
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-271(a) reads as rewritten:

8 "(a) It is the policy of the State that each local board of education has the sole  
9 discretion to elect a superintendent of schools. However, the State Board shall adopt  
10 rules that establish the qualifications for election. At a minimum, each superintendent  
11 shall have been a principal in a North Carolina public school or shall have ~~equivalent~~  
12 ~~experience.~~ other leadership, management, and administrative experience. In addition,  
13 the State Board may establish other minimum credentials, educational prerequisites, and  
14 experience requirements. These educational prerequisites and experience requirements  
15 shall not require that a superintendent have experience as an educator, an education  
16 degree, or certification as an educator. It is the duty of each local board to elect a  
17 superintendent who is qualified. If a local board elects a superintendent who is not  
18 qualified or who cannot qualify under this section, then the election and contract are  
19 null and void, and the board shall elect a person who is qualified."

20 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2001, and applies to  
21 superintendents elected after that date.