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Short Title: Study/Silent Alarms in Schools. (Public)

Sponsors: Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO STUDY THE USE OF CERTAIN SAFETY MEASURES IN SCHOOLS,
3 INCLUDING THE INSTALLATION OF SILENT, PANIC ALARM SYSTEMS FOR
4 USE IN LIFE-THREATENING AND EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.
5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
6 SECTION 1. The Department of Public Instruction shall study and develop
7 recommendations on whether the use of certain safety measures, including silent, panic alarm
8 systems, are necessary in each school in North Carolina to increase the safety of students and to
9 adequately respond to life-threatening and emergency situations in the public schools. In
10 developing its recommendations, the Department shall consider at least all of the following
11 issues:
12 (1) The feasibility and cost of installing silent, panic alarm systems or other
13 safety monitoring equipment in each school.
14 (2) Development of standardized training for school personnel and safety
15 protocols for implementation throughout the State.
16 (3) Collaboration with local law enforcement agencies and other appropriate
17 State agencies to ensure the effectiveness of safety measures.
18 (4) The effectiveness and costs of programs in other states that employ a variety
19 of safety measures in schools, including states that provide for the
20 installation of silent, panic alarm systems.
21 SECTION 2. The Department of Public Instruction shall report its findings and
22 recommendations from the study required by Section 1 of this act to the Joint Legislative
23 Education Oversight Committee on or before January 1, 2014.
24 SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.



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