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SENATE BILL 771*

Short Title: Military Student Identifier. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Tillman, Pate (Primary Sponsors); Krawiec and Sanderson.

Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO IDENTIFY
3 MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENTS USING THE UNIFORM EDUCATION
4 REPORTING SYSTEM, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE
5 EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-12(18) reads as rewritten:

8 "(18) Duty to Develop and Implement a Uniform Education Reporting System,
9 Which Shall Include Standards and Procedures for Collecting Fiscal and
10 Personnel Information. –

- 11 a. The State Board of Education shall adopt standards and procedures
12 for local school administrative units to provide timely, accurate, and
13 complete fiscal and personnel information, including payroll
14 information, on all school personnel.
- 15 b. The State Board of Education shall develop and implement a
16 Uniform Education Reporting System that shall include requirements
17 for collecting, processing, and reporting fiscal, personnel, and student
18 data, by means of electronic transfer of data files from local
19 computers to the State Computer Center through the State
20 Communications Network.
- 21 c. The State Board of Education shall comply with the provisions of
22 G.S. 116-11(10a) to plan and implement an exchange of information
23 between the public schools and the institutions of higher education in
24 the State. The State Board of Education shall require local boards of
25 education to provide to the parents of children at a school all
26 information except for confidential information received about that
27 school from institutions of higher education pursuant to
28 G.S. 116-11(10a) and to make that information available to the
29 general public.
- 30 d. The State Board of Education shall modify the Uniform Education
31 Reporting System to provide clear, accurate, and standard
32 information on the use of funds at the unit and school level. The plan
33 shall provide information that will enable the General Assembly to
34 determine State, local, and federal expenditures for personnel at the
35 unit and school level. The plan also shall allow the tracking of



1 expenditures for textbooks, educational supplies and equipment,
2 capital outlay, at-risk students, and other purposes.

3 e. When practicable, reporting requirements developed by the State
4 Board of Education as part of the Uniform Education Reporting
5 System under this subdivision shall be incorporated into the
6 PowerSchool application or any other component of the Instructional
7 Improvement System to minimize duplicative reporting by local
8 school administrative units.

9 f. The State Board of Education shall develop a process for local school
10 administrative units to annually identify enrolled military-connected
11 students using the Uniform Education Reporting System. The
12 identification of military-connected students shall not be used for the
13 purposes of determining school achievement, growth, and
14 performance scores as required by G.S. 115C-12(9)c1. The
15 identification of military-connected students is not a public record
16 within the meaning of G.S. 132-1 and shall not be made public by
17 any person, except as permitted under the provisions of the Family
18 Educational and Privacy Rights Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g. For
19 purposes of this section, a "military-connected student" means a
20 student enrolled in a local school administrative unit who has a
21 parent, step-parent, sibling, or any other person who resides in the
22 same household serving in the active or reserve components of the
23 Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or National
24 Guard."

25 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 115C-288(m) reads as rewritten:

26 "(m) To Address the Unique Needs of ~~Students With Immediate Family Members in the~~
27 ~~Military.~~ Military-Connected Students. – The principal shall develop a means for ~~identifying~~
28 ~~and serving the unique needs of students who have immediate family members in the active or~~
29 ~~reserve components of the Armed Forces of the United States.~~ identified as military-connected
30 students as required in G.S. 115C-12(18)f."

31 **SECTION 3.** Section 2 of this act becomes effective July 1, 2015. The remainder of
32 this act is effective when it becomes law, and the annual identification requirement for local
33 school administrative units applies beginning with the 2015-2016 school year. Local school
34 administrative units may begin the annual identification of military-connected students using
35 the Uniform Education Reporting System beginning with the 2014-2015 school year.