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SENATE BILL 875

Short Title: Student Promotion Stds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Chalk.

Referred to: Education.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ASSURE THAT STUDENTS WHO HAVE NOT DEMONSTRATED
2 ACADEMIC COMPETENCIES SUFFICIENT TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF
3 THE NEXT GRADE ARE NOT PROMOTED.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. G.S. 115C-307 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

6 "(d1) To Evaluate the Students for Promotion. – It is the duty of a teacher to
7 evaluate each student he teaches for promotion and to report to the principal on whether
8 each student has demonstrated academic competencies sufficient to meet the demands
9 of the next grade.

10 A teacher shall not be liable in civil damages for any act or omission relating to the
11 teacher's duty pursuant to this subsection unless the act or omission amounts to gross
12 negligence, wanton conduct, or intentional wrongdoing."

13 Sec. 2. G.S. 115C-288(a) reads as rewritten:

14 "(a) To Grade and Classify Pupils. – The principal shall have authority to grade and
15 classify pupils.

16 In evaluating a pupil for promotion, the principal shall consider the report of the
17 pupil's teacher as to whether the pupil has demonstrated academic competencies
18 sufficient to meet the demands of the next grade. The principal shall also consider any
19 other information he deems relevant, including test scores and the pupil's performance
20 in summer school. The principal shall promote a pupil only if he finds the pupil has
21 demonstrated academic competencies sufficient to meet the demands of the next grade.
22 If the principal's decision is inconsistent with the teacher's report, the principal shall set
23 out the specific reasons for his decision in the student's official school record. A
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1 principal shall not be liable in civil damages for any act or omission relating to the
2 principal's duty pursuant to this paragraph unless the act or omission amounts to gross
3 negligence, wanton conduct, or intentional wrongdoing."

4 Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification and applies to all school years
5 beginning with the 1989-90 school year.