

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2007**

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**HOUSE BILL 1464**

Short Title: School Absences Excused for Legislative Pages. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Boylan, Cotham, Parmon, Fisher (Primary Sponsors); Adams, Alexander, Avila, Bell, Blackwood, Bordsen, Braxton, Brisson, Brown, Bryant, Carney, Cleveland, Coates, Coleman, Current, Daughtridge, Dickson, Dockham, Dollar, England, Faison, Farmer-Butterfield, Folwell, Glazier, Goforth, Goodwin, Gulley, Hall, T. Harrell, J. Harrell, Harrison, Hilton, Holloway, Hurley, Insko, Jeffus, Johnson, Justice, Killian, Langdon, Love, Lucas, Luebke, Martin, McAllister, McElraft, McLawhorn, Neumann, Pierce, Rapp, Ross, Samuelson, Spear, Stiller, Tarleton, Thomas, Tillis, Tolson, Tucker, Wainwright, Walker, E. Warren, R. Warren, West, Wiley, Wilkins, Womble, Wray, and Yongue.

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Referred to: Education.

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April 16, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT DIRECTING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT RULES  
2 PROVIDING FOR EXCUSED ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL FOR  
3 LEGISLATIVE PAGES.  
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-379 reads as rewritten:

7 "**§ 115C-379. Method of enforcement.**

8 It shall be the duty of the State Board of Education to formulate such rules and  
9 regulations as may be necessary for the proper enforcement of the provisions of this  
10 Part. The Board shall prescribe (i) what shall constitute unlawful absence, (ii) what  
11 causes may constitute legitimate excuses for temporary nonattendance due to a student's  
12 physical or mental inability to ~~attend~~ attend or a student's participation in a valid  
13 educational opportunity such as service as a legislative page, and (iii) under what  
14 circumstances teachers, principals, or superintendents may excuse pupils for  
15 nonattendance due to immediate demands of the farm or the home in certain seasons of  
16 the year in the several sections of the State. It shall be the duty of all school officials to  
17 carry out such instructions from the State Board of Education, and any school official  
18 failing to carry out such instructions shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor: Provided,  
19 that the compulsory attendance law herein prescribed shall not be in force in any local

1 school administrative unit that has a higher compulsory attendance feature than that  
2 provided herein."

3           **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies  
4 beginning with the 2007-2008 school year.