

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2007**

**SESSION LAW 2007-186  
HOUSE BILL 1464**

AN ACT DIRECTING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT RULES  
PROVIDING FOR EXCUSED ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL FOR  
LEGISLATIVE AND GOVERNOR'S PAGES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

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

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2007.

s/ Beverly E. Perdue  
President of the Senate

s/ Joe Hackney  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Michael F. Easley  
Governor

Approved 9:50 a.m. this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2007