Short Title:	Clarify Calculation of the Dropout Rate.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senator Preston.	
Referred to:		

1 <div align="center">A BILL TO BE ENTITLED</div>
2 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE CALCULATION OF THE DROPOUT RATE.
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
4   **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-12(27) reads as rewritten:
5 "**§ 115C-12. Powers and duties of the Board generally.**
6   The general supervision and administration of the free public school system shall be
7 vested in the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education shall establish
8 policy for the system of free public schools, subject to laws enacted by the General
9 Assembly. The powers and duties of the State Board of Education are defined as
10 follows:
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12   (27)   Reporting Dropout Rates, Suspensions, Expulsions, and Alternative
13   Placements. – The State Board shall report annually to the Joint
14   Legislative Education Oversight Committee and the Commission on
15   Improving the Academic Achievement of Minority and At-Risk
16   Students on the numbers of students who have dropped out of school,
17   been suspended, been expelled, or been placed in an alternative
18   program. The data shall be reported in a disaggregated manner and be
19   readily available to the public. ~~The State Board shall not include~~
20   ~~students that have been expelled from school when calculating the~~
21   ~~dropout rate.~~ <u>In calculating the dropout rate, the Board shall not</u>
22   <u>include students who transfer to a community college before</u>
23   <u>graduation and receive a high school diploma or its equivalent while at</u>
24   <u>community college. A student shall be considered to have dropped out</u>
25   <u>when that student voluntarily withdraws from school at age 16 or is</u>
26   <u>expelled from school and does not finish at another school.</u>

1   The Board shall maintain a separate record of the number of
2   students who are expelled from school."
3   **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007, and applies beginning
4   with the 2007-2008 school year.