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Short Title: Back to Basics. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Hurley and Warren (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ENSURE  
3 INSTRUCTION IN CURSIVE WRITING AND MEMORIZATION OF  
4 MULTIPLICATION TABLES AS A PART OF THE BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM.  
5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  
6 SECTION 1. G.S. 115C-81 is amended by adding new subsections to read:  
7 "(k) Cursive Writing. – The standard course of study shall include the requirement that  
8 the public schools provide instruction in cursive writing so that students create readable  
9 documents through legible cursive handwriting by the end of fifth grade.  
10 (l) Multiplication Tables. – The standard course of study shall include the requirement  
11 that students enrolled in public schools memorize multiplication tables to demonstrate  
12 competency in efficiently multiplying numbers."  
13 SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with  
14 the 2013-2014 school year.



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