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HOUSE BILL 483

Short Title: Eliminate Unnecessary Educator Reporting. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Murry, Brandon, Blust, and Cotham (Primary Sponsors).
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Referred to: Education.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ELIMINATE UNNECESSARY REPORTING BY EDUCATORS.
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-105.27(b) is amended by adding a new subdivision to
5 read:

6 "(b) The strategies for improving student performance:

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8 (8) Shall include a plan to identify and eliminate unnecessary and redundant
9 reporting requirements for teachers and, to the extent practicable, streamline
10 the school's reporting system and procedures, including requiring forms and
11 reports to be in electronic form when possible and incorporating relevant
12 documents into the student accessible components of the Instructional
13 Improvement System."

14 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 115C-307(g) reads as rewritten:

15 "(g) To Make Required Reports. – A teacher shall make all reports required by the local
16 board of education. The superintendent shall not approve the voucher for a teacher's pay until
17 the required monthly and annual reports are made.

18 The superintendent may require a teacher to make reports to the principal.

19 A teacher shall be given access to the information in the student information management
20 system to expedite the process of preparing reports or otherwise providing information. A
21 teacher shall not be required by the local board, the superintendent, or the principal to (i)
22 provide information that is already available on the student information management system;
23 (ii) provide the same written information more than once during a school year unless the
24 information has changed during the ensuing period; or (iii) complete forms, for children with
25 disabilities, that are not necessary to ensure compliance with the federal Individuals with
26 Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Notwithstanding the foregoing, a local board may require
27 information available on its student information management system or require the same
28 information twice if the ~~local board can demonstrate~~ superintendent determines that there is (i)
29 a compelling need and ~~can demonstrate there is not a~~ (ii) no more expeditious manner of
30 ~~getting~~ providing the information to the local board. A school improvement team
31 may request that the superintendent consider the elimination of a redundant reporting
32 requirement for the teachers at its school if it identifies in its school improvement plan a more
33 expeditious manner of providing the information to the local board. The superintendent shall
34 recommend to the local board whether the reporting requirement should be eliminated for that
35 school. If the superintendent does not recommend elimination of the reporting requirement, the



1 school improvement team may request a hearing by the local board as provided in
2 G.S. 115C-45(c).

3 Any teacher who knowingly and willfully makes or procures another to make any false
4 report or records, requisitions, or payrolls, respecting daily attendance of pupils in the public
5 schools, payroll data sheets, or other reports required to be made to any board or officer in the
6 performance of their duties, shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor and the certificate of such
7 person to teach in the public schools of North Carolina shall be revoked by the Superintendent
8 of Public Instruction."

9 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with
10 the 2013-2014 school year.