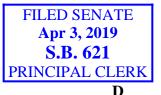
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SENATE BILL DRS35247-MV-130

Short Title:	Testing Reduction Act of 2019.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senators Tillman, Ballard, and Sawyer (Primary Sponsors).	
Referred to:		

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 2 AN ACT TO REDUCE TESTING ADMINISTERED TO STUDENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS. The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts: 3 4 SECTION 1. Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, the State Board of 5 Education shall eliminate the use of the NC Final Exam as part of the statewide testing program 6 to assess teacher performance and professional growth. The NC Final Exam shall not be administered as part of the statewide testing program for any other purpose. No later than March 7 8 15, 2020, the State Board of Education and the Department of Public Instruction shall submit to 9 the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee a plan on how to use other means to accomplish the purposes for which data is collected by the NC Final Exam. 10 11 SECTION 2.(a) G.S. 115C-174.12 reads as rewritten: 12 "§ 115C-174.12. Responsibilities of agencies. 13 . . . 14 In each even-numbered year, each local board of education shall review all local (d1) 15 standardized testing administered to students by the local school administrative unit at the direction of the local board of education for the prior two school years, in order to determine the 16 17 number of tests administered to students and the number of hours required for students to 18 complete the tests. If the average over the prior two-year period of either (i) the number of tests administered or (ii) the number of hours required for students to complete the tests exceeds the 19 State combined average over the prior two-year period, as published pursuant to subsection (e1) 20 21 of this section, the local board of education shall submit to the Department of Public Instruction and the State Board of Education, by October 1 of the even-numbered year, a plan to eliminate 22 23 certain local standardized testing in order to ensure that neither the number of tests nor the 24 number of hours required for students to complete the tests exceeds the State average. 25 (e) By November 1 of each year, the State Board of Education shall submit a report to 26 the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee containing information regarding the statewide administration of the testing program, including the number and type of tests and the 27 28 testing schedule, and a summary of any local testing programs reported by local boards of 29 education to the State Board of Education in accordance with subsection (d) of this section. The 30 report shall also include a summary of any local plans provided to the State Board in accordance 31 with subsection (d1) of this section. By September 1 of each year, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall publish 32 (e1) 33 on the Web site of the Department of Public Instruction the following: 34 (1)

35 36 <u>a-A</u> uniform calendar that includes schedules for State-required testing and reporting results of tests for at least the next two school years, including estimates of the average time for administering State-required standardized



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	tests. The uniform calendar shall be provided to local b	poards of education in
	an electronic format that allows each local board of edu	ication to populate the
	calendar with, at a minimum, the information required	•
	this section. The uniform calendar shall be search	•
	administrative unit and denote whether a test on the ca	alendar is required by
	the State or required by a local board of education.	
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	education under subdivision (1) of this subsection, a s	
	and extent of the local testing, including the average o	± • •
	period of (i) the number of tests administered and (ii)	the number of hours
	required for students to complete the tests."	
	CTION 2.(b) This section applies beginning with the 2020	•
	CTION 3. The Department of Public Instruction shall exam	
	lage Arts assessment administered in third grade as com	-
	native assessment in order to determine whether the E	0
	s assessment should be modified to better meet the goals	
-	art 1A of Article 8 of Chapter 115C of the General S	
	he Department shall develop any modifications needed. No	
	artment shall report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversi	ight Committee on the
	xamination and any modifications developed.	
SE	CTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.	