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HOUSE BILL 415

Short Title: Split Math Courses and Change Math Grad. Reqs. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Willis, Biggs, Cotham, and Rhyne (Primary Sponsors).
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Referred to: Education - K-12, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT RULES
3 MODIFYING HIGH SCHOOL MATHEMATICS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
4 AND TO PROVIDE FOR A MATHEMATICS INSTRUCTION PATHWAY TO PROVIDE
5 MATHEMATICS INSTRUCTION OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD AND TO REQUIRE
6 THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT EMERGENCY RULES FOR THE
7 PURPOSES OF THIS ACT.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 **SECTION 1.(a)** The State Board of Education shall adopt a rule to modify the high
10 school graduation requirements to require completion of NC Math 1 and 2 or equivalent courses
11 and two additional math courses that align with the student's postsecondary plans and to require
12 that NC Math 3 and all other existing math courses shall continue to be offered by all high schools
13 to the extent that there is sufficient student interest.

14 **SECTION 1.(b)** The State Board of Education shall adopt a rule to require
15 completion of an end-of-course test for NC Math 2 and not require completion of an
16 end-of-course test for NC Math 3.

17 **SECTION 2.(a)** Part 1 of Article 8 of Subchapter IV of Chapter 115C of the General
18 Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

19 **"§ 115C-81.37. Extended courses in mathematics.**

20 (a) The State Board of Education shall develop a course of study for high school
21 mathematics courses that spread the content standards of NC Math 1 and NC Math 2 into four
22 separate courses as follows:

- 23 (1) NC Math 1 shall be divided into Extended Math 1 and Extended Math 2. The
24 end-of-course test for NC Math 1 shall be given at the conclusion of Extended
25 Math 2.
26 (2) NC Math 2 shall be divided into Extended Math 3 and Extended Math 4. The
27 end-of-course test for NC Math 2 shall be given at the conclusion of Extended
28 Math 4.
29 (3) Completion of Extended Math 1 and 2 with a passing grade satisfies the NC
30 Math 1 graduation requirement and Extended Math 2 is an equivalent course
31 to NC Math 1.
32 (4) Completion of Extended Math 3 and 4 with a passing grade satisfies the NC
33 Math 2 graduation requirement and Extended Math 4 is an equivalent course
34 to NC Math 2.



1 (5) Completion of Extended Math 1, 2, 3, and 4 shall satisfy all mathematics
2 graduation requirements established by the State Board of Education.
3 (b) Standards developed pursuant to this section shall not change the existing standards
4 for NC Math 1 or 2.

5 (c) Students shall be enrolled in high school math courses as follows:

6 (1) Students scoring below proficient on the eighth grade mathematics
7 end-of-course test shall be enrolled in Extended Math 1 and 2 to satisfy the
8 NC Math 1 graduation requirement.

9 (2) Students scoring below proficient on the NC Math 1 end-of-course test given
10 at the end of Extended Math 2 shall be enrolled in Extended Math 3 and 4 to
11 satisfy their NC Math 2 graduation requirement.

12 (3) Students scoring at or above proficient on the NC Math 1 end-of-course test
13 given at the end of Extended Math 2 may choose to enroll in Extended Math
14 3 and 4 or NC Math 2 to satisfy their NC Math 2 graduation requirement."

15 **SECTION 2.(b)** Courses shall be offered pursuant to G.S. 115C-81.37, as enacted
16 by this act, beginning with the fall semester of the 2025-2026 school year.

17 **SECTION 3.(a)** Students who completed NC Math 1 with a grade of C or lower or
18 who scored below proficient on the NC Math 1 end-of-course exam prior to the 2025-2026 school
19 year shall take Extended Math 2 as a condition of meeting their NC Math 1 graduation
20 requirement.

21 **SECTION 3.(b)** Students who completed NC Math 2 with a grade of C or lower
22 prior to the 2025-2026 school year shall take Extended Math 4 as a condition of meeting their
23 NC Math 2 graduation requirement.

24 **SECTION 4.** The State Board of Education may adopt emergency rules in
25 accordance with G.S. 150B-21.1A to implement the provisions of this act prior to the start of the
26 2025-2026 school year.

27 **SECTION 5.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with
28 the 2025-2026 school year.