

May 30, 2000

H 1848. REDUCE PAPERWORK IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS--2. *TO REDUCE PAPERWORK IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THEREBY SAVE TIME AND MONEY THAT CAN BE USED TO EDUCATE CHILDREN TO STUDY ISSUES RELATED TO FUNDING EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO STUDY THESE ISSUES.* Amends GS 115C-307(g) to require that teachers in public schools be given access to information in the Student Information Management System. Prohibits local school boards from requiring teachers to provide information that is already in information system, or from providing same information more than once a year, or to complete forms related to federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act unless the form is required by the federal government. Amends GS 115C-47(18) to eliminate duplicate and obsolete reports required of teachers, and to require board to establish a paperwork reduction committee. Directs State Board of Education to review reports it requires from local boards to see if any are duplicative or obsolete, to develop plan for paperless student information system by 2005-2006 school year, to work with federal education department to standardize forms required in cases involving disabled students, to study use of funds to comply with state and federal laws on education of students with disabilities, to develop plan to reduce costs in such compliance matters by 50% for 2001-2002 and to use only federal funds for such compliance by 2002-2003 school year. Directs state board to report to Legislative Education Oversight Committee by Dec. 15, 2001. Directs state board to study issues related to funding educational services for children with special needs, and specifies issues the board is to consider. Directs Legislative Education Oversight Committee to study same matter simultaneously and requires state board to report its findings to committee by March 31, 2001. Appropriates \$20,000 from General Fund to State Board for 2000-2001 to conduct studies. Effective July 1, 2000.

Intro. by Nesbitt.

Ref. to Rules	GS 115C, APPROP
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