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S 1099. ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS WITHIN SCHOOLS. TO AUTHORIZE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAMS TO DEVELOP STRATEGIES FOR THE CREATION OF ALTERNATIVE LEARNING PROGRAMS WITHIN SCHOOLS. Amends GS 115C-105.27 (which directs school improvement teams to develop strategies for improving student performance) to provide that the strategies may include the creation of an alternative learning program within the school.

Intro. by Carter.

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S 1099. ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS WITHIN SCHOOLS. Intro. 4/15/99. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Amends GS 115C-105.27 to require strategies of improving student performance to include a plan that specifies the effective instructional practices and methods to be used to improve academic performance of students identified as at risk of academic failure or at risk of dropping out of school. Adds GS 115C-105.48 to require that before referring a student to an alternative school or program, the referring school must document the procedures used to identify student as being at risk of academic failure or as being disruptive; provide the reasons for referring student to program; and provide the alternative program all relevant student records, including anecdotal information. Requires staff of alternative school to meet to review records of referred student and to determine support services and intervention strategies that are needed. Amends GS 115C-105.47 to require safe school plans to include an analysis of the effectiveness of procedures adopted for students referred to alternative schools and to include a clear statement of the services that will be provided to such students. Requires State Board, as part of assessment of alternative school programs, to measure educational performance and growth of students in program and requires local boards to assess on a regular basis whether the alternative school program incorporates the best practices for improving student performance and reducing disruptive behavior, whether it is staffed with well trained employees, and whether it provides students with high quality and rigorous academic instruction. GS 115C-105.48 takes effect Jan. 1, 2000; remainder of bill takes effect when it becomes law.

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S 1099. ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS/LEARNING PROGRAMS. Intro. 4/15/99. House amendment makes the following change to 2nd edition. Changes from Jan. 1, 1999, to July 1, 1999, the date by which local boards of education must submit revised safe school plans to the State Board of Education.