

May 30, 2000

**S 1543. REDUCE PAPERWORK IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS-1 (=H 1848).** *TO REDUCE PAPERWORK IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THEREBY SAVE TIME AND MONEY THAT CAN BE USED TO EDUCATE CHILDREN AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO EXPEDITE PAPERWORK REDUCTION.* 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. Allows local school board to require information twice if it shows a compelling need to do so. 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, and 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. Requires report to Legislative Education Oversight Committee by Dec. 15, 2001. Appropriates \$20,000 from General Fund to State Board for 2000-2001 to conduct study. Effective July 1, 2000.

**Intro. by Dalton.**

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