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S 943. MINORITY AND AT-RISK STUDENT/STUDY. TO ESTABLISH THE COMMISSION ON IMPROVING THE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT OF MINORITY AND AT-RISK STUDENTS.

Establishes sixteen-member Comm'n on Improving the Academic Achievement of Minority and At-Risk Students. Comm'n will consist of five Senators and three public members appointed by Senate President Pro Tem., five Representatives and three public members appointed by Speaker of House, and six public members (representing specified interests) appointed by Governor. African-Americans must have significant representation on comm'n. Initial appointments must be made by Sept. 15, 1999. Co-chairs will be designated by Senate President Pro Tem and Speaker of House. Comm'n's study must place particular emphasis on programs and efforts that have been successful in imparting improved educational achievement, reduction of school discipline and behavioral problems, reduction of minority and at-risk student dropout rates, and improved relations between parents, schools, and students. Comm'n must make interim report to Senate President Pro Tem and House Speaker on first day of 2000 legislative session and final report on first day of 2001 legislative session. Appropriates from the General Fund to the General Assembly \$100,000 for 1999-2000 and \$100,000 for 2000-2001 for expenses of comm'n. Effective July 1, 1999.

Intro. by Martin of Guilford.

Ref. to Rules

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