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H 902. UP B-20 BIODIESEL PURCHASES FOR SCHOOL BUSES. Filed 3/30/09. TO INCREASE THE PERCENTAGE OF BIODIESEL FUEL OF A MINIMUM BLEND OF B-20 THAT LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION MUST PURCHASE STATEWIDE FOR USE IN SCHOOL BUS DIESEL ENGINE MOTOR VEHICLES AND TO REQUIRE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO REPORT THESE PURCHASES TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION. Amends GS 115C-249(a) to require local boards of education to buy at least 5% of their school bus and service vehicle fuel at a minimum blend of B-20 if it is available and compatible with vehicle technology, increased from 2%. Requires the State Board of Education to annually report local boards' purchases to the Fiscal Research Division and to the State Energy Office of the Department of Administration. Effective for fuel purchased on or after July 1, 2009. Intro. by Harrison.