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S 1249. STUDY RAISING COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AGE. Filed 5/19/10. *TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH A BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE IMPACTS OF RAISING THE COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AGE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL ATTENDANCE PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA FROM SIXTEEN TO SEVENTEEN OR EIGHTEEN, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON DROPOUT PREVENTION AND HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION.*

As the title indicates. Directs the State Board of Education (SBE) to consider in its study: (1) the impact, including the fiscal impact, of raising the compulsory school attendance age in states that have raised the compulsory school attendance age in the last 15 years; (2) the conclusions that may be drawn as to the impact raising the compulsory attendance age has had on dropout and high school completion rates for states that require compulsory attendance to ages 16, 17, and 18, respectively; (3) the best practices that have been used in states that have raised the compulsory attendance age in the last 15 years for working with at-risk students who remain in school as a result of the raised compulsory attendance age; and (4) the fiscal impact of raising the compulsory attendance age from 16 to 17 and 16 to 18, for each local administrative school unit in North Carolina.

Directs the SBE to provide a report of its study and its findings and recommendations to the Joint Legislative Commission on Dropout Prevention and High School Graduation and the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by November 15, 2010.

Intro. by Davis.

STUDY