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**S 1417. STUDY GRADUATION DISPARITY.** Filed 5/25/10. *TO ESTABLISH A BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON GRADUATION DISPARITY.*

Appropriates \$250,000 for 2010-11 from the General Assembly's funds to a new Blue Ribbon Commission of Graduation Disparity. Establishes a 16-member Commission, which shall examine minority graduation statistics, national best practices for educating minority students, current statewide efforts to increase minority retention, teaching methodologies for minorities, existing technical and career curriculum, and practices that have demonstrated success in other states. Requires the Commission to meet five times, to develop a plan and recommendations for increasing minority graduations, and to report to the 2011 General Assembly prior to February 1, 2011. Provides that the funds allocated to the Commission may be used to cover expenses of national experts or consultants. Effective July 1, 2010.

**Intro. by Graham.**

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