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NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
AMENDMENT  
Senate Bill 402

AMENDMENT NO. A22  
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Comm. Sub. [YES]  
Amends Title [NO]  
Fourth Edition

Date \_\_\_\_\_, 2013

Representative <sup>Wells</sup>~~Blackwell~~

1 moves to amend the bill on page 82, lines 8 and 9, by adding a new section between those lines  
2 to read:

3 **"PILOT PROGRAM TO RAISE THE HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT AGE FROM**  
4 **SIXTEEN TO EIGHTEEN**

5 **"SECTION 8.49.(a)** Notwithstanding G.S. 7B-1501(27), 115C-378,  
6 115C-238.66(3), 116-235(b)(2), and 143B-805(20), the State Board of Education shall  
7 authorize the Hickory Public Schools and the Newton-Conover City Schools to establish and  
8 implement a pilot program to increase the high school dropout age from 16 years of age to the  
9 completion of the school year coinciding with the calendar year in which a student reaches 18  
10 years of age, unless the student has previously graduated from high school.

11 **SECTION 8.49.(b)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the State Board  
12 of Education ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the 2013-2014 fiscal year to allocate funds to  
13 the Hickory Public Schools and the Newton-Conover City Schools for a planning year to  
14 establish and implement a pilot program to increase the dropout age for high school in  
15 accordance with this section. The State Board may allocate up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000)  
16 to each local school administrative unit for this purpose.

17 **"SECTION 8.49.(c)** Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, the funds  
18 appropriated for the At-Risk Student Services Alternative School Allotment shall be decreased  
19 in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the 2013-2014 fiscal year

20 **SECTION 8.49.(d)** Each local school administrative unit may also use any other  
21 funds available to it to implement the pilot program to (i) employ up to three additional  
22 teachers and (ii) fund additional student-related costs, such as transportation and technology  
23 costs, including additional computers, to serve a greater number of students as a result of the  
24 pilot program. Each local school administrative unit may use any funds available to it to  
25 operate a night school program for students at risk of dropping out of high school. The local  
26 school administrative units shall partner with Catawba Valley Community College on the pilot  
27 program to the extent possible.

28 **"SECTION 8.49.(e)** The participating local school administrative units, in  
29 collaboration with the State Board of Education, shall report to the Joint Legislative Education  
30 Oversight Committee, the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, and the Senate  
31 Appropriations Committee on Education/Higher Education on or before January 1, 2016. The  
32 report shall include at least all of the following information:



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- 1 (1) An analysis of the graduation rate in each local school administrative unit
- 2 and the impact of the pilot program on the graduation rate.
- 3 (2) The teen crime statistics for Catawba County.
- 4 (3) The number of reported cases of violations of compulsory attendance laws in
- 5 Catawba County and the disposition of those cases.
- 6 (4) The number of at-risk students served in any night programs established as
- 7 part of the pilot program and student graduation and performance outcomes
- 8 for those students.
- 9 (5) All relevant data to assist in determining the effectiveness of the program
- 10 and specific legislative recommendations, including the continuation,
- 11 modification, or expansion of the program statewide.

12 **"SECTION 8.49.(f)** The State Board of Education shall not allocate the funds  
 13 provided under subsection (b) of this section except upon receipt of a copy of a joint resolution  
 14 adopted by the boards of education for the Hickory Public Schools and the Newton-Conover  
 15 City Schools setting forth a date to begin establishment and implementation of the pilot  
 16 program authorized by this section."  
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SIGNED  \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amendment Sponsor

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_  
 Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

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