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SENATE DRS35183-MK-78 (02/17)

Short Title: Student Attendance Recognition. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators D. Davis, Tillman, and Soucek (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT A STUDENT WHO IS LAWFULLY ABSENT FROM  
3 SCHOOL SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR A STUDENT ATTENDANCE RECOGNITION  
4 PROGRAM ADOPTED BY A LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. Part 1 of Article 26 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is  
7 amended by adding a new section to read:

8 "**§ 115C-382.5. Student attendance recognition programs.**

9 A local board of education may adopt a student attendance recognition program within the  
10 local school administrative unit to encourage student attendance in school and participation in  
11 class as an integral part of academic achievement and the learning process. If the local board of  
12 education adopts a student attendance recognition program, a student with a lawful, excused  
13 absence recognized by the principal of the student's school in accordance with rules adopted by  
14 the State Board of Education, pursuant to G.S. 115C-379, shall remain eligible for participation  
15 in the program and the absence shall not be included as part of the student's record of  
16 attendance for the purposes of the program."

17 SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with  
18 the 2015-2016 school year.



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