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Short Title: International Student Assessment. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Blackwell, Stam, and Meyer (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO  
3 ADMINISTER THE ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND  
4 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSESSMENT  
5 IN A SAMPLE OF NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOLS.  
6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  
7 **SECTION 1.(a)** Of the funds appropriated to the Department of Public Instruction  
8 for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the Department shall use necessary funds to join and participate  
9 in the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Programme for  
10 International Student Assessment (PISA). PISA is a triennial international survey assessing the  
11 skills and knowledge of 15-year-old students in reading, mathematics, and science to provide  
12 data about education systems worldwide. The Department shall administer PISA to an  
13 independent sample of students in the 15-year-old age group in approximately 50 schools in  
14 North Carolina during the fall semester of the 2015-2016 school year.  
15 **SECTION 1.(b)** The Department of Public Instruction shall report to the 2016  
16 Regular Session of the 2015 General Assembly on the results of the PISA triennial survey  
17 administered in accordance with this act within 30 days of receiving those results. The report  
18 shall include comparative data from other participating states and countries.  
19 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 115C-174.11(c)(2) reads as rewritten:  
20 "(2) If the State Board of Education finds that additional testing in grades three  
21 through 12 is desirable to allow comparisons with national indicators and  
22 international indicators of student achievement, that testing shall be  
23 conducted with the smallest size sample of students necessary to assure valid  
24 comparisons with other ~~states-states and countries.~~"  
25 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.



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