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Amends Title [NO]
PCS10386-LRxf-18

Date _____, 2015

Representative Stam

1 moves to amend the bill on page 57, lines 39-40, by inserting between those lines a new section
2 to read:

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4 **"DROPOUT PREVENTION CHARTER SCHOOL PILOT EXPANSION**

5 **SECTION 8.31.(a)** S.L. 2014-104 reads as rewritten:

6 **"SECTION 1.** S.L. 2011-259 is repealed.

7 **"SECTION 2.** The State Board of Education shall establish a two-year Dropout Prevention
8 and Recovery Pilot Program (Pilot Program). The State Board of Education shall select one
9 charter school in 2014 and one charter school in 2015 that ~~has~~have been approved by the State
10 Board under G.S. 115C-238.29D or G.S. 115C-218.5 to provide the educational services and
11 programming for the Pilot Program. The purpose of the Pilot Program is to reengage students
12 and increase the graduation rates in North Carolina through an educational program that
13 provides flexible scheduling and a blended learning environment with individualized and
14 self-paced learning options.

15 **"SECTION 3.** To be eligible to participate in the Pilot Program, the charter school's
16 enrollment shall only include high school students who have (i) dropped out of high school or
17 (ii) transferred from their high school to the charter school. For the purposes of this act, high
18 school shall include ninth through twelfth grades. Transfer decisions shall be made by the
19 student who is 18 years of age or older or the student's parents or guardians. The charter school,
20 its affiliated charter management organization, or its education management organization must
21 be accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools as an indicator of quality
22 instructional programming. All teachers employed by the charter ~~school~~schools participating in
23 the Pilot Program shall be licensed teachers under G.S. 115C-296.

24 **"SECTION 4.** The charter ~~school~~schools participating in the Pilot Program shall develop
25 and implement an alternative accountability model that meets the guidelines adopted by the
26 State Board of Education for alternative learning programs under G.S. 115C-12(24).

27 **"SECTION 5.** For the charter ~~school~~schools participating in the Pilot Program, the
28 allotments and adjustments shall be made as provided in
29 ~~G.S. 115C-238.29~~G.S. 115C-218.105 and shall be adjusted on the basis of the average daily
30 membership in the fifth month of the school year.

31 **"SECTION 6.** Existing charter schools meeting the criteria as provided in this act may
32 apply to participate in the Pilot Program starting with the 2014-2015 school year no later than



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1 August 31, 2014. The State Board of Education shall select by September 30, 2014, the
2 participant for the Pilot Program for the 2014-2015 ~~and through~~ 2015-2016 school years.
3 Existing charter schools meeting the criteria as provided in this act may apply to participate in
4 the Pilot Program starting with the 2015-2016 school year no later than July 1, 2015. The State
5 Board of Education shall select by August 15, 2015, the participant for the Pilot Program for
6 the 2015-2016 through 2016-2017 school years.

7 "SECTION 7. The State Board of Education shall submit ~~an~~ interim report to the Joint
8 Legislative Education Oversight Committee by March 15, 2016, and a final report by
9 September 15, 2017, on the outcomes of the Dropout Prevention and Recovery Pilot Program,
10 including (i) the number of students who dropped out of high school, enrolled in the program,
11 and completed a high school diploma, (ii) the results of the alternative accountability model,
12 and (iii) the impact on the ADM Contingency Reserve. The report shall also include any
13 recommendations to enhance the effectiveness and the efficiency of the Pilot Program funding
14 and accountability models.

15 "SECTION 8. The Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee shall report to the
16 2016 Regular Session of the 2015 General Assembly on necessary legislation to transition the
17 Pilot Program into alternative charter schools serving high school students who have dropped
18 out of high school.

19 "SECTION 8.5. The State Board of Education and the Charter Schools Advisory Board
20 shall jointly report by December 15, 2014, to the General Assembly on the utilization of
21 contracts for personnel services by local boards of education and charter school boards of
22 directors. The report shall indicate both the purposes and the extent of such contracts prevalent
23 in each local school administrative district and charter schools statewide.

24 "SECTION 9. This act is effective when it becomes law. The Pilot Program shall begin
25 with the 2014-2015 school year and shall conclude at the end of the ~~2015-2016~~ 2016-2017
26 school year."

27 SECTION 8.31.(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the funds
28 appropriated under this act to the Community Colleges System Office for the 2015-2017 fiscal
29 biennium to support the Community College Innovative Pilot Program in accordance with
30 Section 10.9 of this act shall be reduced by the sum of two hundred fifteen thousand dollars
31 (\$215,000) in nonrecurring funds for each fiscal year of the biennium.

32 SECTION 8.31.(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the funds
33 appropriated to the Department of Public Instruction for the 2015-2017 fiscal biennium shall be
34 increased by the sum of two hundred fifteen thousand dollars (\$215,000) in nonrecurring funds
35 for each fiscal year of the biennium to provide funds to the ADM Contingency Reserve to
36 offset the potential costs associated with the charter school selected to participate in the
37 Dropout Prevention and Recovery Pilot Program for the 2015-2016 through 2016-2017 school
38 years pursuant to S.L. 2014-104, as amended by this section.

39 SECTION 8.31.(d) Subsections (b) and (c) of this section are effective July 1,
40 2015. The remainder of this section is effective when the act becomes law."; and

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42 on page 68, lines 1-8, by rewriting those lines to read:

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1 **"SECTION 10.9.(d)** Of the funds appropriated under this act to the Community
2 Colleges System Office for the 2015-2017 fiscal biennium to implement the requirements of
3 this section, the System Office may use up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) of those
4 funds each fiscal year for administration and evaluation of the pilot program."; and
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6 on page 1, line 32, by decreasing the amounts for the 2015-2016 fiscal year and the 2016-2017
7 fiscal year by \$215,000; and
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9 on page 2, line 1, by increasing the amounts for the 2015-2016 fiscal year and the 2016-2017
10 fiscal year by \$215,000; and
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12 by adjusting the appropriate totals accordingly.
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Amendment Sponsor

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Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

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