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SENATE BILL DRS15017-MK-53

Short Title: Class Size Reporting/Principal. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Horner (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL REPORT TO THE  
3 SUPERINTENDENT ON NONCOMPLIANCE WITH CLASS SIZE REQUIREMENTS IN  
4 KINDERGARTEN THROUGH THIRD GRADE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-47(10) reads as rewritten:

7 "(10) To Assure Appropriate Class Size. – It shall be the responsibility of local  
8 boards of education to assure that the class size requirements set forth in  
9 G.S. 115C-301 for kindergarten through third grade are met. ~~Any teacher who  
10 believes that the requirements of G.S. 115C-301 have not been met shall make  
11 a report to the principal and superintendent, and the superintendent shall  
12 immediately determine whether the requirements have in fact not been met. If  
13 the superintendent determines the requirements have not been met, he or she~~  
14 The principal of each school in the local school administrative unit shall report  
15 noncompliance with the class size requirements for kindergarten through third  
16 grade as set forth in G.S. 115C-301 to the superintendent on the first school  
17 day of each month. The superintendent shall make a report to the local board  
18 of education on noncompliance with the class size requirements set forth in  
19 G.S. 115C-301 at the next local board of education meeting. The local board  
20 of education shall take action to meet the requirements of the statute. If the  
21 local board cannot organizationally correct the exception, it shall immediately  
22 apply to the State Board of Education for additional personnel or a waiver of  
23 the class size requirements, as provided in G.S. 115C-301(g).

24 Upon notification from the State Board of Education that the reported  
25 exception does not qualify for an allotment adjustment or a waiver under  
26 provisions of G.S. 115C-301, the local board, within 30 days, shall take action  
27 necessary to correct the exception, as required in G.S. 115C-301(g).

28 At the end of October and end of February of each school year, the local  
29 board of education, through the superintendent, shall file a report with the  
30 Superintendent of Public Instruction, in a format prescribed by the  
31 Superintendent of Public Instruction, describing the organization for each  
32 school in the local school administrative unit, as required by  
33 G.S. 115C-301(f).

34 In addition to assuring that the requirements of G.S. 115C-301 are met,  
35 each local board of education shall also have the duty to provide an adequate  
36 number of classrooms to meet the requirements of that statute."



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1                   **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with  
2 the 2019-2020 school year.