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HOUSE BILL DRH30205-NHa-57A

Short Title: Study School Discipline Parent Involvement. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative F. Jackson.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO STUDY HOW
3 PARENT INVOLVEMENT CAN REDUCE RECURRING STUDENT DISCIPLINE
4 ISSUES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Public Instruction shall conduct a study to evaluate
7 how certain policies may decrease the rate of recurring disciplinary infractions with a focus on
8 parental involvement. At a minimum, the Department shall study the likely impact of the
9 following:

- 10 (1) Requiring a parent to attend a meeting with the student and school personnel
11 as a condition of a student returning to the classroom after being removed
12 from the classroom for disciplinary reasons.
13 (2) Requiring a parent to attend counseling as a condition of a student returning
14 to a classroom after being removed from the classroom for disciplinary
15 reasons, including the availability of resources for the counseling both in and
16 outside of the school.
17 (3) Requiring a parent and the student to attend joint counseling as a condition of
18 a student returning to a classroom after being removed from the classroom for
19 disciplinary reasons, including the availability of resources for the counseling
20 both in and outside of the school.
21 (4) Requiring a student to attend remote instruction instead of returning to the
22 classroom, and any social or academic impacts that may have.
23 (5) Any additional evidence-based practices that subject matter experts identify
24 to decrease disciplinary infractions.

25 **SECTION 2.** This study shall not include review of any student discipline infractions
26 involving students with an Individualized Education Plan or a 504 Behavioral plan. This study
27 shall not make any recommendations regarding students with an Individualized Education Plan
28 or 504 Behavioral plan.

29 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Public Instruction is authorized to work with a
30 third-party organization to complete this study.

31 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Public Instruction shall report the results of its
32 study and its recommendations, including any proposed legislative changes, to the Joint
33 Legislative Education Oversight Committee no later than April 15, 2026.

34 **SECTION 5.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
35 Public Instruction the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) in nonrecurring funds for
36 the 2025-2026 fiscal year to conduct the study and develop the report required by this act.



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SECTION 6. This act becomes effective July 1, 2025.