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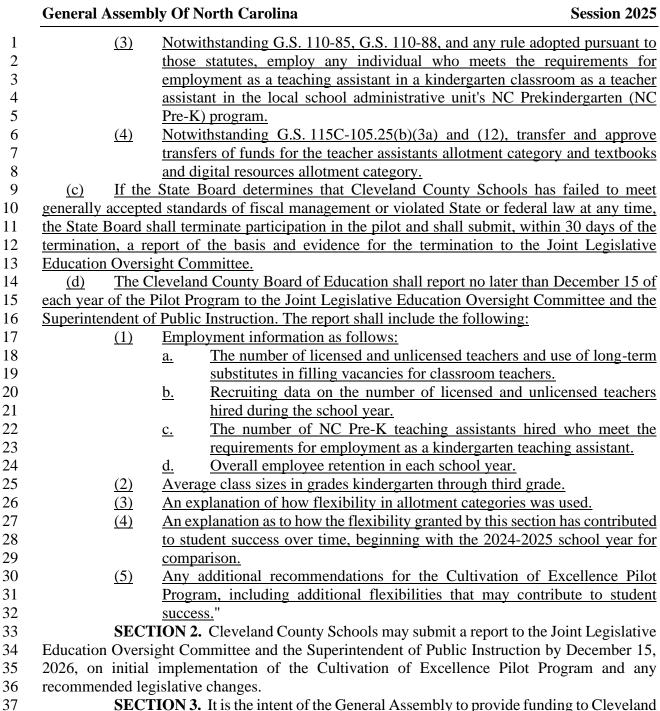
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Short Title:	Cleveland	Cultivation of Excellence Pilot.	(Public)	
Sponsors:	Represent	ative Scott.		
Referred to:				
		A BILL TO BE ENTITLED		
AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE CULTIVATION OF EXCELLENCE PILOT PROGRAM IN				
CLEVELAND COUNTY SCHOOLS.				
	•	f North Carolina enacts:		
SECTION 1. Article 16 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by				
adding a new				
"Part 3B. Cultivation of Excellence Pilot Program.				
"§ 115C-235. Cultivation of Excellence Pilot Program.				
(a) The General Assembly finds that the purpose of the Cultivation of Excellence Pilot				
Program is to provide the opportunity for the Cleveland County Board of Education to design				
and create an innovative and strategic vision to improve student achievement and performance,				
along with teacher recruitment and retention. Cleveland County Schools may participate in the Cultivation of Excellence Pilot Program beginning with the 2025-2026 school year and ending				
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following the (b) Cl		school year. unty Schools and the Cleveland County Board of Educa	ation may do the	
following:	everanu Co	unity Schools and the Cleverand County Board of Educa	mon may do me	
<u>10110wing.</u> (1)) Notwi	thstanding G.S. 115C-301(c), exercise flexibility	in establishing	
<u>(1</u>		staffing levels for kindergarten through third grade classes.		
<u>(2</u>)		Notwithstanding G.S. 115C-295, employ individuals as teachers who do not hold a teacher license, subject to the following limitations:		
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	<u>a.</u>	All teachers who are teaching in the core subject areas	of mathematics,	
	_	science, social studies, and language arts shall be colle		
	<u>b.</u>	No more than fifty percent (50%) of the teachers at any		
		unlicensed.		
	<u>c.</u>	No more than twenty-five percent (25%) of all teache	rs employed by	
		the Cleveland County Board of Education may be unli	icensed.	
	<u>d.</u>	All individuals employed as teachers who do not h	nold a teaching	
		license shall complete preservice training, which r	nay be offered	
		through an educator preparation program or through Cl	_	
		Schools, in all of the following areas prior to beginning	_	
		1. The identification and education of children was	<u>ith disabilities.</u>	
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			de-escalating	
		disruptive or dangerous behavior.		
		4. Safe and appropriate use of seclusion and restr	aint.	





Education Oversight Committee and the Superintendent of Public Instruction by December 15, 2026, on initial implementation of the Cultivation of Excellence Pilot Program and any

SECTION 3. It is the intent of the General Assembly to provide funding to Cleveland County Schools to implement a teacher compensation model and student behavior intervention programs for elementary and middle schools.

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SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with the 2025-2026 school year. Part 3B of Article 16 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes, as enacted by this act, is repealed effective December 31, 2031.

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