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SENATE BILL 1128\*

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Short Title: Testing in Second Grade.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

May 14, 1998

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ALLOW LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO USE VALID, AGE-APPROPRIATE STANDARDIZED TESTS IN SECOND GRADE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 115C-174.11(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) Assessment Instruments for ~~First-Kindergarten, First Grade, and Second Grades-Grade.~~ – The State Board of Education shall adopt and provide to the local school administrative units developmentally appropriate individualized assessment instruments consistent with the ~~Basic Education Program for the first and second grades, North Carolina Standard Course of Study for kindergarten, first grade, and second grade,~~ rather than standardized tests. Local school administrative units may use these assessment instruments provided to them by the State Board for ~~first and second grade students, and shall not use standardized tests.~~ kindergarten, first grade, and second grade students. Local boards may use valid, age-appropriate standardized tests in combination with other assessments in second grade so long as they are used for individual student diagnostic or program evaluation purposes. These tests or the kindergarten, first grade, or second grade individualized assessments shall not be used for accountability purposes or as a basis for promotion, retention, tracking, or labeling decisions about individual students. If standardized tests or assessments are used for individual diagnostic purposes or if the

1 results are placed in a student's record, the school shall provide the results to that  
2 student's parent or legal guardian. Local school administrative units are encouraged to  
3 notify parents and guardians of students before administering standardized tests or  
4 assessments to those students under this subsection."

5           Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.