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SENATE BILL 1246*
House Committee Substitute Favorable 6/29/10

Short Title: Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

May 20, 2010

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP A GROWTH
3 MODEL FOR ESTABLISHING SHORT-TERM ANNUAL GOALS FOR IMPROVING
4 THE FOUR-YEAR COHORT GRADUATION RATE, TO ESTABLISH A LONG-TERM
5 GOAL OF INCREASING THE STATEWIDE FOUR-YEAR COHORT GRADUATION
6 RATE, AND TO ALLOW MILITARY DEPENDANTS WHOSE PARENTS ARE
7 DEPLOYED TO ATTEND SCHOOL BEFORE THE AGE OF FIVE IN NORTH
8 CAROLINA IF ELIGIBLE IN THE STATE WHERE THE CHILD'S PARENT IS
9 PERMANENTLY STATIONED.

10 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

11 **SECTION 1.** Prior to the 2010-2011 school year, the State Board of Education
12 shall:

- 13 (1) Develop a growth model establishing annual goals for continuous and
14 substantial improvement in the four-year cohort graduation rate by local
15 school administrative units.
16 (2) Establish as a short-term goal that local school administrative units meet the
17 annual growth model goals for improvement in the four-year cohort
18 graduation rate beginning with the graduating class of 2011 and continuing
19 annually thereafter.
20 (3) Establish as a long-term goal a statewide four-year cohort graduation rate of
21 ninety percent (90%) by 2016.
22 (4) Establish as a long-term goal with benchmarks and recommendations to
23 reach a statewide four-year cohort graduation rate of one hundred percent
24 (100%).

25 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 115-364(a) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

26 "(a) A child who is presented for enrollment at any time during the first 120 days of a
27 school year is entitled to initial entry into the public schools if:

- 28 (1) The child reaches or reached the age of five on or before August 31 of that
29 school year; or
30 (2) The child did not reach the age of five on or before August 31 of that school
31 year, but has been attending school during that school year in another state in
32 accordance with the laws or rules of that state before the child moved to and
33 became a resident of North Carolina.
34 (3) The child did not reach the age of five on or before August 31 of that school
35 year, but would be eligible to attend school during that school year in
36 another state in accordance with the laws or rules of that state, if all of the
37 following apply:



- 1 a. The child's parent is a legal resident of North Carolina who is an
2 active member of the uniformed services assigned to a permanent
3 duty station in another state.
4 b. The child's parent is the sole legal custodian of the child.
5 c. The child's parent is deployed for duty away from the permanent
6 duty station.
7 d. The child resides with an adult who is a domiciliary of a local school
8 administrative unit in North Carolina as a result of the parent's
9 deployment away from the permanent duty station."

10 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.