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Short Title: Streamline Education Planning Responsibility. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Cotham.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO STREAMLINE PUBLIC SCHOOL PLANNING RESPONSIBILITIES.
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 SECTION 1. G.S. 115C-12(19) reads as rewritten:
5 "§ 115C-12. Powers and duties of the Board generally.

6 The general supervision and administration of the free public school system shall be vested
7 in the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education shall establish policy for the
8 system of free public schools, subject to laws enacted by the General Assembly. The powers
9 and duties of the State Board of Education are defined as follows:

10 ...
11 (19) Duty to Identify Required Reports and to Eliminate Unnecessary Reports
12 and Paperwork. – Prior to the beginning of each school year, the State Board
13 of Education shall identify all reports that are required at the State level for
14 the school year.

15 The State Board of Education shall adopt policies to ensure that local
16 school administrative units are not required by the State Board of Education,
17 the State Superintendent, or the Department of Public Instruction staff to (i)
18 provide information that is already available on the student information
19 management system or housed within the Department of Public Instruction;
20 (ii) provide the same written information more than once during a school
21 year unless the information has changed during the ensuing period; or (iii)
22 complete forms, for children with disabilities, that are not necessary to
23 ensure compliance with the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education
24 Act (IDEA). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the State Board may require
25 information available on its student information management system or
26 require the same information twice if the State Board can demonstrate a
27 compelling need and can demonstrate there is not a more expeditious
28 manner of getting the information.

29 The State Board of Education shall consolidate all plans that affect the
30 school community, including school safety plans, school technology plans,
31 plans for academically or intellectually gifted students, and others.

32 The State Board shall report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight
33 Committee by November 15 of each year on the plans it has consolidated
34 and the reports it has eliminated for the upcoming school year."



1 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with
2 the 2011-2012 school year.