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SENATE BILL 473

Short Title: Class Size Reporting/Principal. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Horner, Lee, and Barefoot (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

March 30, 2017

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL REPORT TO THE
3 SUPERINTENDENT ON NONCOMPLIANCE WITH CLASS SIZE REQUIREMENTS
4 IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH THIRD GRADE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-47(10) reads as rewritten:

7 "(10) To Assure Appropriate Class Size. – It shall be the responsibility of local
8 boards of education to assure that the class size requirements set forth in
9 G.S. 115C-301 for kindergarten through third grade are met. ~~Any teacher~~
10 ~~who believes that the requirements of G.S. 115C-301 have not been met~~
11 ~~shall make a report to the principal and superintendent, and the~~
12 ~~superintendent shall immediately determine whether the requirements have~~
13 ~~in fact not been met. If the superintendent determines the requirements have~~
14 ~~not been met, he or she~~The principal of each school in the local school
15 administrative unit shall report noncompliance with the class size
16 requirements for kindergarten through third grade as set forth in
17 G.S. 115C-301 to the superintendent on the first school day of each month.
18 The superintendent shall make a report to the local board of education on
19 noncompliance with the class size requirements set forth in G.S. 115C-301
20 at the next local board of education meeting. The local board of education
21 shall take action to meet the requirements of the statute. If the local board
22 cannot organizationally correct the exception, it shall immediately apply to
23 the State Board of Education for additional personnel or a waiver of the class
24 size requirements, as provided in G.S. 115C-301(g).

25 Upon notification from the State Board of Education that the reported
26 exception does not qualify for an allotment adjustment or a waiver under
27 provisions of G.S. 115C-301, the local board, within 30 days, shall take
28 action necessary to correct the exception.

29 At the end of the second month of each school year, the local board of
30 education, through the superintendent, shall file a report with the State Board
31 of Education, in a format prescribed by the State Board of Education,
32 describing the organization of each school, the duties of each teacher, and
33 the size of each class. As of November 1 and February 1 of each year, local
34 boards of education, through the superintendent, shall report all exceptions
35 to individual class size maximums that exist at that time.



1 In addition to assuring that the requirements of G.S. 115C-301 are met,
2 each local board of education shall also have the duty to provide an adequate
3 number of classrooms to meet the requirements of that statute."
4 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with
5 the 2017-2018 school year.