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SENATE BILL 68
Education/Higher Education Committee Substitute Adopted 3/14/17

Short Title: Student Attendance/Page Program Recognition.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

February 13, 2017

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT STUDENT
3 ATTENDANCE RECOGNITION PROGRAMS AND TO PROVIDE THAT STUDENTS
4 SERVING AS LEGISLATIVE OR GOVERNOR'S PAGES SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR
5 PARTICIPATION IN THESE PROGRAMS.

6 Whereas, student attendance is critical for student achievement; and

7 Whereas, student attendance benefits from institutional encouragement and
8 recognition; and

9 Whereas, research indicates that there is a connection between student attendance
10 and rates of graduation; Now, therefore,

11 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

12 **SECTION 1.** Part 1 of Article 26 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is
13 amended by adding a new section to read:

14 "**§ 115C-382.5. Student attendance recognition programs.**

15 Local boards of education are encouraged to adopt a student attendance recognition
16 program within the local school administrative unit to promote student attendance in school and
17 participation in class as an integral part of academic achievement and the learning process. If
18 the local board of education adopts a student attendance recognition program, a student with an
19 absence resulting from service as a legislative page or a Governor's page shall be eligible for
20 participation in the program, and the student's absence shall not be included as part of the
21 student's record of attendance for the purposes of the program."

22 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with
23 the 2017-2018 school year.

