

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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CHAPTER 1079
HOUSE BILL 1546

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN ADVISORY COUNCIL TO THE STATE BOARD OF
EDUCATION TO BE CALLED "THE COUNCIL ON EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR
EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN".

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is hereby established an Advisory Council to the State Board of Education to be called The Council on Educational Services for Exceptional Children.

Sec. 2. The Council shall consist of 17 members to be appointed as follows: Two members appointed by the Governor; two members of the Senate appointed by the Lieutenant Governor; two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House; and 11 members appointed by the State Board of Education. Of those members of the Council appointed by the State Board, one member shall be selected from each congressional district within the State and each member so selected shall be a parent of a school-age child. The State Board shall designate as Chairman of the Council one of those individuals appointed by either the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, or the Speaker of the House.

The appointments to the Council shall be made within 90 days after the ratification of this act. On the first Monday after 90 days after the ratification of this act has elapsed, the Council shall hold its first meeting. The term of appointment shall be for two years. Those initially appointed to the Council by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Speaker of the House shall hold office until July 1, 1976, or until their successors are appointed and qualified. The term for members appointed by the State Board of Education shall be as follows:

(a) The members representing odd numbered Congressional Districts (1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11) shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years beginning July 1, 1974 and ending June 30, 1978.

(b) The members representing even numbered Congressional Districts (2, 4, 6, 8 and 10) shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years beginning July 1, 1974 and ending June 30, 1976.

(c) The full term for appointments subsequent to the initial appointments shall be for a term of four (4) years.

Each Council member shall serve without pay, but shall receive travel allowances and per diem in the same amount provided for members of the North Carolina General Assembly.

Sec. 3. The duties of the Council shall be to carry out periodic review of the exceptional child programs in the public schools and to receive complaints from citizens concerning all aspects of the operation of the public schools dealing with the exceptional child; to review these complaints; and to make recommendations, by majority vote, to the State Board of Education on corrective actions and programming.

Sec. 4. The Council shall meet in offices provided by the State Department of Public Instruction on a date to be agreed upon by the members of the Council from meeting to meeting; provided, however, that the Council shall meet no less than once every three months. The Department of Public Instruction shall provide the necessary secretarial and clerical staff and supplies to accomplish the objectives of the Council.

Sec. 5. This act shall become effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 1st day of April, 1974.