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SENATE BILL 451*

Short Title: School Leadership Academy.

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Sponsors: Senators Warren, Lee, Ward; Speed and Allran.

Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT A RECOMMENDATION OF THE EDUCATION LEADERSHIP TASK FORCE AND THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO PLAN FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SCHOOL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF ONGOING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS.

Whereas, the General Assembly finds that more must be done to help already licensed administrators know about emerging trends in leadership, management, and education; and

Whereas, it is the intent of the General Assembly to ensure that meaningful, continuous professional development is the norm for school administrators in North Carolina; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. (a) The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina and the State Board of Education shall convene a Joint Committee to study how to establish a School Leadership Academy to serve the needs of all school administrators throughout the State. There shall be nine members of the Joint Committee. Members shall receive per diem, subsistence, and travel allowances in accordance with G.S. 138-5, or G.S. 138-6, as appropriate. Appointments to the committee shall be made within 30 days of ratification of this act. Except as otherwise provided, if a vacancy occurs in the membership, the appointing authority shall appoint another person to serve for the balance of the unexpired term. At the discretion of the appointing authority, Joint Committee members may continue to serve on the Joint Committee after their

1 appointment to the Board of Governors or the State Board of Education has expired.

2 Appointments shall be made as follows:

3 (1) Three members of the Board of Governors appointed by the Chair of
4 the Board of Governors; one of the three shall be designated cochair of
5 the Joint Committee.

6 (2) Three members of the State Board of Education appointed by the Chair
7 of the State Board of Education; one of the three shall be designated
8 cochair of the Joint Committee.

9 (3) The Superintendent of Public Instruction, or a designee.

10 (4) One dean of a school of education appointed by the President of The
11 University of North Carolina.

12 (5) The President of the North Carolina Association of Independent
13 Colleges and Universities, or a designee.

14 (b) In its planning the Joint Committee shall consider:

15 (1) The recommendations of the report submitted to the 1993 General
16 Assembly by the Educational Leadership Task Force.

17 (2) How to incorporate all or part of the Principal's Executive Program
18 into the Educational Leadership Academy.

19 (3) A design for a governing board for the Educational Leadership
20 Academy composed of persons who have demonstrated a commitment
21 to improving educational leadership in the State including practicing
22 school administrators and professors of schools of education.

23 (4) A charge to the governing board that ensures coordination between the
24 Educational Leadership Academy and the initial preparation programs.

25 (5) How the State Board of Education shall ensure that all school
26 administrators be required to complete at least five of their 15
27 continuing education units for continued practice in the profession in
28 Educational Leadership Academy programs or in programs endorsed
29 by the Educational Leadership Academy's governing board.

30 (6) How to ensure that coordinated and geographically dispersed
31 professional development opportunities exist for school administrators.

32 (7) What facilities and staff are needed for the Academy; the Joint
33 Committee shall recommend whether a building is needed, and, if so,
34 whether there is an existing building that can be used to meet the needs
35 of the Academy, or if a new building is needed.

36 (8) The cost of its recommendations which shall be included in its report
37 to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee.

38 Sec. 2. The General Administration of The University of North Carolina shall
39 provide meeting rooms, telephone, office space, equipment, and supplies to the Joint
40 Committee without charge.

41 Sec. 3. The General Administration of The University of North Carolina and
42 the Department of Public Instruction shall provide staff to the Joint Committee.

43 Sec. 4. Upon the request of the cochairs of the Joint Committee, all State
44 departments and agencies, all local governments and their subdivisions, and all

1 institutions approved to train public school administrators shall furnish the Committee
2 with any nonconfidential information in their possession or available to them.

3 Sec. 5. The Joint Committee shall report on its findings and the
4 recommendations concerning the establishment of the School Leadership Academy to
5 the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee no later than March 1, 1994. The
6 Joint Committee shall terminate on that date.

7 Sec. 6. Of the funds appropriated to the Board of Governors for the 1993-94
8 fiscal year, up to the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) shall be used to conduct
9 the work of the Joint Committee. Of the funds appropriated to the Department of Public
10 Education for aid to local school administrative units for the 1993-94 fiscal year, up to
11 the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) shall be used to conduct the work of the
12 Joint Committee.

13 Sec. 7. This act becomes effective July 1, 1993.