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SENATE BILL 708
House Committee Substitute Favorable 5/9/01

Short Title: Reduce School Paperwork.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 28, 2001

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ELIMINATE UNNECESSARY AND DUPLICATIVE PAPERWORK
3 IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-12(19) reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 115C-12. Powers and duties of the Board generally.**

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

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

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

1 demonstrate a compelling need and can demonstrate there is not a
2 more expeditious manner of getting the information."
3 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2001.