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HOUSE BILL 760
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Short Title: Summer Reading Camps.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 11, 2013

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT STUDENTS WHO DEMONSTRATE DIFFICULTY WITH
3 READING DEVELOPMENT MAY ATTEND SUMMER READING CAMPS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-83.3(9) reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 115C-83.3. Definitions.**

7 The following definitions apply in this Part:

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9 (9) "Summer reading camp" means an additional educational program outside of
10 the instructional calendar provided by the local school administrative unit to
11 any student who does not demonstrate reading ~~proficiency~~ proficiency and
12 who may be retained under G.S. 115C-83.7. As funding and space allow,
13 summer reading camps may also be available to any student who
14 demonstrates difficulty with reading development. Parents ~~A parent or~~
15 ~~guardians~~ guardian of the ~~a~~ student who is not demonstrating reading
16 ~~proficiency~~ proficiency and who may be retained under G.S. 115C-83.7, or a
17 student who is demonstrating difficulty with reading development, shall
18 make the final decision regarding the student's summer camp attendance.
19 Summer camps shall (i) be six to eight weeks long, four or five days per
20 week; (ii) include at least three hours of instructional time per day; (iii) be
21 taught by compensated, licensed teachers selected based on demonstrated
22 student outcomes in reading proficiency; ~~and~~ (iv) allow volunteer mentors to
23 read with ~~students.~~ students; and (v) be funded and implemented through
24 public-private partnerships whenever possible.

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26 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 115C-83.8(a) reads as rewritten:

27 "(a) Students not demonstrating reading proficiency and who may be retained under
28 G.S. 115C-83.7 shall have priority to be enrolled in a summer reading camp provided by the
29 local school administrative unit prior to being retained. Students who demonstrate reading
30 proficiency on an alternative assessment of reading comprehension or student reading portfolio
31 after completing a summer reading camp shall be promoted to the fourth grade. Students who
32 do not demonstrate reading proficiency on these measures after completing a summer reading
33 camp shall be retained under G.S. 115C-83.7~~(a)~~ and provided with the instruction listed in
34 subsection (b) of this section during the retained year."

35 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with
36 the 2013-2014 school year.

