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SENATE BILL 110*

Short Title: Central Office Staff Waivers.

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Sponsors: Senators Warren, Allran, Lee, Sands, Speed; and Jordan.

Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ALLOW LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS TO REQUEST WAIVERS FOR
2 CENTRAL OFFICE STAFF AS PROVIDED BY THE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT
3 AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. G.S. 115C-238.3 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

7 "(b2) Waivers concerning central office staff—A local board of education may
8 request waivers of State laws, regulations, or policies which are included in the building
9 plans described in subsection (b1) of this section, and it may also request waivers which
10 affect the organization, duties, and assignment of central office staff only. Provided,
11 none of the duties to be performed pursuant to G.S. 115C-436 may be waived. A
12 request for a waiver shall (i) identify the State laws, regulations, or policies that inhibit
13 the local unit's ability to reach its local accountability goals, (ii) set out with specificity
14 the circumstances under which the waiver may be used, and (iii) explain how a waiver
15 of those laws, regulations, or policies will permit the local unit to reach its local goals."

16 Sec. 2. G.S. 115C-238.6(a) reads as rewritten:

17 "(a) Prior to June 30 each year, the State Superintendent shall review local school
18 improvement plans submitted by the local school administrative units in accordance
19 with policies and performance indicators adopted by the State Board of Education. If
20 the State Superintendent approves the plan for a local school administrative unit, that
21 unit shall participate in the Program for the next fiscal year.

22 If a local plan contains a request for a waiver of State laws, regulations, or policies,
23 in accordance with G.S. 115C-238.3(b1) or (b2), the State Superintendent shall
24 determine whether and to what extent the identified laws, regulations, or policies should

1 be waived. The State Superintendent shall present that plan and his determination to the
2 State Board of Education. If the State Board of Education deems it necessary to do so
3 to enable a local unit to reach its local accountability goals, the State Board, only upon
4 the recommendation of the State Superintendent, may grant waivers of:

- 5 (1) State laws pertaining to class size, teacher certification, assignment of
6 teacher assistants, the use of State-adopted textbooks, and the purposes
7 for which State funds for the public schools, except for funds for
8 school health coordinators, may be used: Provided, however, the State
9 Board of Education shall not permit the use of funds for teachers for
10 expanded programs under the Basic Education Program for any other
11 purpose;
- 12 (2) All State regulations and policies, except those pertaining to State
13 salary schedules and employee benefits for school employees, the
14 instructional program that must be offered under the Basic Education
15 Program, the system of employment for public school teachers and
16 administrators set out in G.S. 115C-325, health and safety codes,
17 compulsory school attendance, the minimum lengths of the school day
18 and year, and the Uniform Education Reporting System.

19 Except for waivers requested by the local board in accordance with G.S. 115C-
20 238.3(b2) for central office staff, ~~Waivers-waivers~~ shall be granted only for the specific
21 schools for which they are requested in building-level plans and shall be used only
22 under the specific circumstances for which they are requested."

23 Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.