## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 1999

## SENATE BILL 942 RATIFIED BILL

AN ACT DIRECTING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP PLANS FOR IMPLEMENTING THE STATEWIDE STUDENT ACCOUNTABILITY STANDARDS POLICY AND TO IDENTIFY RESOURCES TO ENSURE APPROPRIATE EARLY AND ONGOING ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENTS WHO NEED ASSISTANCE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Statewide Student Accountability Standards, as approved by the North Carolina State Board of Education April 1, 1999, under APA Policy 16CAC6D.0305, are predicated on the belief in the need to provide early and ongoing assistance to students who need it, and that all students shall have the reading and mathematics skills critical for participating in and benefiting from high school curricula in core academic and vocational areas. It is the intent of the General Assembly that Statewide Student Accountability Standards be implemented and that resources be identified and made available to provide necessary and appropriate early and ongoing assistance that will lead to academic success for students.

The State Board of Education shall develop plans for implementing the policy, including identification and quantification of federal, State, local governmental resources and private resources, and utilization plans for those resources so as to ensure appropriate early and ongoing assistance for students who need that assistance. The State Board of Education shall report those plans and progress in implementing those plans quarterly to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee, the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Education/Higher Education, and the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations commencing October 1, 1999, through July 1, 2000.

Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 8th day of July, 1999.

		Dennis A. Wicker President of the Senate	
		James B. Black Speaker of the House of Representatives	
		James B. Hunt, Jr. Governor	
Approved	m. this	day of	, 19