

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 708

Short Title: Reduce School Paperwork.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Horton; Albertson, Ballantine, Berger, Bingham, Carpenter, Carrington, Carter, Cunningham, Dalton, Dannelly, Forrester, Foxx, Garrou, Garwood, Harris, Hoyle, Lee, Lucas, Miller, Moore, Plyler, Purcell, Rand, Robinson, Rucho, Shaw of Guilford, Soles, Swindell, and Thomas.

Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

March 28, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ELIMINATE UNNECESSARY AND DUPLICATIVE PAPERWORK
IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

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

The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to ensure that local school administrative units are not required by the State Board of Education, the State Superintendent, or Department of Public Instruction staff to (i) provide information that is already available on the student information management system or housed within the Department of Public Instruction; (ii) provide the same written information more than once during a school year unless the information has changed during the ensuing period; or (iii) complete

1 forms, for children with disabilities, that are not necessary to ensure
2 compliance with the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education
3 Act (IDEA). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the State Board may
4 require information available on its student information management
5 system or require the same information twice if the State Board can
6 demonstrate a compelling need and can demonstrate there is not a
7 more expeditious manner of getting the information."

8 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2001.