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HOUSE BILL DRH30286-MT-34A

Short Title: Increase Dropout Age/Completion Indicator. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Elmore.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO RAISE THE COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AGE TO EIGHTEEN
3 YEARS OLD OVER A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD AND TO ESTABLISH A COMPLETION
4 RATE INDICATOR FOR SCHOOL PERFORMANCE GRADES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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7 **PART I. RAISE DROPOUT AGE TO 16 YEARS AND SIX MONTHS FOR THE**
8 **2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR**

9 **SECTION 1.(a)** G.S. 115C-378(a) reads as rewritten:

10 "(a) Every parent, ~~guardian-guardian~~, or custodian in this State having charge or control
11 of a child between the ages of (i) seven years and (ii) 16 years and six months shall cause the
12 child to attend school continuously for a period equal to the time which the public school to
13 which the child is assigned shall be in ~~session-session~~, unless the child graduates from high
14 school. Every parent, guardian, or custodian in this State having charge or control of a child under
15 age seven who is enrolled in a public school in grades kindergarten through two shall also cause
16 the child to attend school continuously for a period equal to the time which the public school to
17 which the child is assigned shall be in session unless the child has withdrawn from school."

18 **SECTION 1.(b)** G.S. 115C-238.66(3) reads as rewritten:

19 "(3) School attendance. – Every parent, guardian, or other person in this State
20 having charge or control of a child who is enrolled in the regional school and
21 who is less than 16 years and six months of age shall cause such child to attend
22 school continuously for a period equal to the time that the regional school shall
23 be in ~~session-session~~, unless the child graduates from high school. No person
24 shall encourage, entice, or counsel any child to be unlawfully absent from the
25 regional school. Any person who aids or abets a student's unlawful absence
26 from the regional school shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a Class 1
27 misdemeanor. The principal shall be responsible for implementing such
28 additional policies concerning compulsory attendance as shall be adopted by
29 the board of directors, including regulations concerning lawful and unlawful
30 absences, permissible excuses for temporary absences, maintenance of
31 attendance records, and attendance counseling."

32 **SECTION 1.(c)** G.S. 116-235(b)(2) reads as rewritten:

33 "(2) School Attendance. – Every parent, guardian, or other person in this State
34 having charge or control of a child who is enrolled in the School and who is
35 less than 16 years and six months of age shall cause such child to attend school
36 continuously for a period equal to the time which the School shall be in



1 ~~session.~~ session, unless the child graduates from high school. No person shall
2 encourage, entice, or counsel any child to be unlawfully absent from the
3 School. Any person who aids or abets a student's unlawful absence from the
4 School shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. The
5 Chancellor of the School shall be responsible for implementing such
6 additional policies concerning compulsory attendance as shall be adopted by
7 the Board of Trustees, including regulations concerning lawful and unlawful
8 absences, permissible excuses for temporary absences, maintenance of
9 attendance records, and attendance counseling."

10 **SECTION 1.(d)** G.S. 116-239.8(b)(5) reads as rewritten:

11 "(5) School attendance. – Every parent, guardian, or other person in this State
12 having charge or control of a child who is enrolled in the laboratory school
13 and who is less than 16 years and six months of age shall cause such child to
14 attend school continuously for a period equal to the time that the laboratory
15 school shall be in ~~session.~~ session, unless the child graduates from high school.
16 No person shall encourage, entice, or counsel any child to be unlawfully
17 absent from the laboratory school. Any person who aids or abets a student's
18 unlawful absence from the laboratory school shall, upon conviction, be guilty
19 of a Class 1 misdemeanor. The principal shall be responsible for implementing
20 such additional policies concerning compulsory attendance as shall be adopted
21 by the chancellor, including regulations concerning lawful and unlawful
22 absences, permissible excuses for temporary absences, maintenance of
23 attendance records, and attendance counseling."

24 **SECTION 1.(e)** G.S. 7B-1501(27) reads as rewritten:

25 "(27) Undisciplined juvenile. –
26 a. A juvenile who, while less than 16 years and six months of age but at
27 least 6 years of age, is unlawfully absent from school; or is regularly
28 disobedient to and beyond the disciplinary control of the juvenile's
29 parent, guardian, or custodian; or is regularly found in places where it
30 is unlawful for a juvenile to be; or has run away from home for a period
31 of more than 24 hours; or
32 b. A juvenile who is between (i) 16 ~~or 17~~ years and six months of age
33 and (ii) 18 years of age and who is regularly disobedient to and beyond
34 the disciplinary control of the juvenile's parent, guardian, or custodian;
35 or is regularly found in places where it is unlawful for a juvenile to be;
36 or has run away from home for a period of more than 24 hours."

37 **SECTION 1.(f)** G.S. 143B-805(20) reads as rewritten:

38 "(20) Undisciplined juvenile. –
39 a. A juvenile who, while less than 16 years and six months of age but at
40 least 6 years of age, is unlawfully absent from school; or is regularly
41 disobedient to and beyond the disciplinary control of the juvenile's
42 parent, guardian, or custodian; or is regularly found in places where it
43 is unlawful for a juvenile to be; or has run away from home for a period
44 of more than 24 hours; or
45 b. A juvenile who is between (i) 16 ~~or 17~~ years and six months of age
46 and (ii) 18 years of age and who is regularly disobedient to and beyond
47 the disciplinary control of the juvenile's parent, guardian, or custodian;
48 or is regularly found in places where it is unlawful for a juvenile to be;
49 or has run away from home for a period of more than 24 hours."

1 **SECTION 2.(a)** G.S. 115C-378(a), as amended by Section 1(a) of this act, reads as
2 rewritten:

3 "(a) Every parent, guardian, or custodian in this State having charge or control of a child
4 between the ages of (i) seven years and (ii) ~~16-17 years and six months~~ shall cause the child to
5 attend school continuously for a period equal to the time which the public school to which the
6 child is assigned shall be in session, unless the child graduates from high school. Every parent,
7 guardian, or custodian in this State having charge or control of a child under age seven who is
8 enrolled in a public school in grades kindergarten through two shall also cause the child to attend
9 school continuously for a period equal to the time which the public school to which the child is
10 assigned shall be in session unless the child has withdrawn from school."

11 **SECTION 2.(b)** G.S. 115C-238.66(3), as amended by Section 1(b) of this act, reads
12 as rewritten:

13 "(3) School attendance. – Every parent, guardian, or other person in this State
14 having charge or control of a child who is enrolled in the regional school and
15 who is less than ~~16-17 years and six months~~ of age shall cause such child to
16 attend school continuously for a period equal to the time that the regional
17 school shall be in session, unless the child graduates from high school. No
18 person shall encourage, entice, or counsel any child to be unlawfully absent
19 from the regional school. Any person who aids or abets a student's unlawful
20 absence from the regional school shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a Class
21 1 misdemeanor. The principal shall be responsible for implementing such
22 additional policies concerning compulsory attendance as shall be adopted by
23 the board of directors, including regulations concerning lawful and unlawful
24 absences, permissible excuses for temporary absences, maintenance of
25 attendance records, and attendance counseling."

26 **SECTION 2.(c)** G.S. 116-235(b)(2), as amended by Section 1(c) of this act, reads as
27 rewritten:

28 "(2) School Attendance. – Every parent, guardian, or other person in this State
29 having charge or control of a child who is enrolled in the School and who is
30 less than ~~16-17 years and six months~~ of age shall cause such child to attend
31 school continuously for a period equal to the time which the School shall be
32 in session, unless the child graduates from high school. No person shall
33 encourage, entice, or counsel any child to be unlawfully absent from the
34 School. Any person who aids or abets a student's unlawful absence from the
35 School shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. The
36 Chancellor of the School shall be responsible for implementing such
37 additional policies concerning compulsory attendance as shall be adopted by
38 the Board of Trustees, including regulations concerning lawful and unlawful
39 absences, permissible excuses for temporary absences, maintenance of
40 attendance records, and attendance counseling."

41 **SECTION 2.(d)** G.S. 116-239.8(b)(5), as amended by Section 1(d) of this act, reads
42 as rewritten:

43 "(5) School attendance. – Every parent, guardian, or other person in this State
44 having charge or control of a child who is enrolled in the laboratory school
45 and who is less than ~~16-17 years and six months~~ of age shall cause such child
46 to attend school continuously for a period equal to the time that the laboratory
47 school shall be in session, unless the child graduates from high school. No
48 person shall encourage, entice, or counsel any child to be unlawfully absent
49 from the laboratory school. Any person who aids or abets a student's unlawful
50 absence from the laboratory school shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a Class
51 1 misdemeanor. The principal shall be responsible for implementing such

1 additional policies concerning compulsory attendance as shall be adopted by
2 the chancellor, including regulations concerning lawful and unlawful
3 absences, permissible excuses for temporary absences, maintenance of
4 attendance records, and attendance counseling."

5 **SECTION 2.(e)** G.S. 7B-1501(27), as amended by Section 1(e) of this act, reads as

6 rewritten:

7 "(27) Undisciplined juvenile. –

8 a. A juvenile who, while less than ~~16-17~~ years ~~and six months~~ of age but
9 at least 6 years of age, is unlawfully absent from school; or is regularly
10 disobedient to and beyond the disciplinary control of the juvenile's
11 parent, guardian, or custodian; or is regularly found in places where it
12 is unlawful for a juvenile to be; or has run away from home for a period
13 of more than 24 hours; or

14 b. A juvenile who is between (i) ~~16-17~~ years ~~and six months~~ of age and
15 (ii) 18 years of age and who is regularly disobedient to and beyond the
16 disciplinary control of the juvenile's parent, guardian, or custodian; or
17 is regularly found in places where it is unlawful for a juvenile to be; or
18 has run away from home for a period of more than 24 hours."

19 **SECTION 2.(f)** G.S. 143B-805(20), as amended by Section 1(f) of this act, reads as

20 rewritten:

21 "(20) Undisciplined juvenile. –

22 a. A juvenile who, while less than ~~16-17~~ years ~~and six months~~ of age but
23 at least 6 years of age, is unlawfully absent from school; or is regularly
24 disobedient to and beyond the disciplinary control of the juvenile's
25 parent, guardian, or custodian; or is regularly found in places where it
26 is unlawful for a juvenile to be; or has run away from home for a period
27 of more than 24 hours; or

28 b. A juvenile who is between (i) ~~16-17~~ years ~~and six months~~ of age and
29 (ii) 18 years of age and who is regularly disobedient to and beyond the
30 disciplinary control of the juvenile's parent, guardian, or custodian; or
31 is regularly found in places where it is unlawful for a juvenile to be; or
32 has run away from home for a period of more than 24 hours."

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34 **PART III. RAISE DROPOUT AGE TO 17 YEARS AND SIX MONTHS FOR THE**
35 **2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

36 **SECTION 3.(a)** G.S. 115C-378(a), as amended by Section 2(a) of this act, reads as

37 rewritten:

38 "(a) Every parent, guardian, or custodian in this State having charge or control of a child
39 between the ages of (i) seven years and (ii) 17 years and six months shall cause the child to attend
40 school continuously for a period equal to the time which the public school to which the child is
41 assigned shall be in session, unless the child graduates from high school. Every parent, guardian,
42 or custodian in this State having charge or control of a child under age seven who is enrolled in
43 a public school in grades kindergarten through two shall also cause the child to attend school
44 continuously for a period equal to the time which the public school to which the child is assigned
45 shall be in session unless the child has withdrawn from school."

46 **SECTION 3.(b)** G.S. 115C-238.66(3), as amended by Section 2(b) of this act, reads

47 as rewritten:

48 "(3) School attendance. – Every parent, guardian, or other person in this State
49 having charge or control of a child who is enrolled in the regional school and
50 who is less than 17 years and six months of age shall cause such child to attend
51 school continuously for a period equal to the time that the regional school shall

1 be in session, unless the child graduates from high school. No person shall
2 encourage, entice, or counsel any child to be unlawfully absent from the
3 regional school. Any person who aids or abets a student's unlawful absence
4 from the regional school shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a Class 1
5 misdemeanor. The principal shall be responsible for implementing such
6 additional policies concerning compulsory attendance as shall be adopted by
7 the board of directors, including regulations concerning lawful and unlawful
8 absences, permissible excuses for temporary absences, maintenance of
9 attendance records, and attendance counseling."

10 **SECTION 3.(c)** G.S. 116-235(b)(2), as amended by Section 2(c) of this act, reads as
11 rewritten:

12 "(2) School Attendance. – Every parent, guardian, or other person in this State
13 having charge or control of a child who is enrolled in the School and who is
14 less than 17 years and six months of age shall cause such child to attend school
15 continuously for a period equal to the time which the School shall be in
16 session, unless the child graduates from high school. No person shall
17 encourage, entice, or counsel any child to be unlawfully absent from the
18 School. Any person who aids or abets a student's unlawful absence from the
19 School shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. The
20 Chancellor of the School shall be responsible for implementing such
21 additional policies concerning compulsory attendance as shall be adopted by
22 the Board of Trustees, including regulations concerning lawful and unlawful
23 absences, permissible excuses for temporary absences, maintenance of
24 attendance records, and attendance counseling."

25 **SECTION 3.(d)** G.S. 116-239.8(b)(5), as amended by Section 2(d) of this act, reads
26 as rewritten:

27 "(5) School attendance. – Every parent, guardian, or other person in this State
28 having charge or control of a child who is enrolled in the laboratory school
29 and who is less than 17 years and six months of age shall cause such child to
30 attend school continuously for a period equal to the time that the laboratory
31 school shall be in session, unless the child graduates from high school. No
32 person shall encourage, entice, or counsel any child to be unlawfully absent
33 from the laboratory school. Any person who aids or abets a student's unlawful
34 absence from the laboratory school shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a Class
35 1 misdemeanor. The principal shall be responsible for implementing such
36 additional policies concerning compulsory attendance as shall be adopted by
37 the chancellor, including regulations concerning lawful and unlawful
38 absences, permissible excuses for temporary absences, maintenance of
39 attendance records, and attendance counseling."

40 **SECTION 3.(e)** G.S. 7B-1501(27), as amended by Section 2(e) of this act, reads as
41 rewritten:

42 "(27) Undisciplined juvenile. –
43 a. A juvenile who, while less than 17 years and six months of age but at
44 least 6 years of age, is unlawfully absent from school; or is regularly
45 disobedient to and beyond the disciplinary control of the juvenile's
46 parent, guardian, or custodian; or is regularly found in places where it
47 is unlawful for a juvenile to be; or has run away from home for a period
48 of more than 24 hours; or
49 b. A juvenile who is between (i) 17 years and six months of age and (ii)
50 18 years of age and who is regularly disobedient to and beyond the
51 disciplinary control of the juvenile's parent, guardian, or custodian; or

1 is regularly found in places where it is unlawful for a juvenile to be; or
2 has run away from home for a period of more than 24 hours."

3 **SECTION 3.(f)** G.S. 143B-805(20), as amended by Section 2(f) of this act, reads as
4 rewritten:

5 "(20) Undisciplined juvenile. –

6 a. A juvenile who, while less than 17 years and six months of age but at
7 least 6 years of age, is unlawfully absent from school; or is regularly
8 disobedient to and beyond the disciplinary control of the juvenile's
9 parent, guardian, or custodian; or is regularly found in places where it
10 is unlawful for a juvenile to be; or has run away from home for a period
11 of more than 24 hours; or

12 b. A juvenile who is between (i) 17 years and six months of age and (ii)
13 18 years of age and who is regularly disobedient to and beyond the
14 disciplinary control of the juvenile's parent, guardian, or custodian; or
15 is regularly found in places where it is unlawful for a juvenile to be; or
16 has run away from home for a period of more than 24 hours."
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18 **PART IV. RAISE DROPOUT AGE TO 18 YEARS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

19 **SECTION 4.(a)** G.S. 115C-378(a), as amended by Section 3(a) of this act, reads as
20 rewritten:

21 "(a) Every parent, guardian, or custodian in this State having charge or control of a child
22 between the ages of (i) seven years and (ii) ~~17-18 years and six months~~ shall cause the child to
23 attend school continuously for a period equal to the time which the public school to which the
24 child is assigned shall be in session, unless the child graduates from high school. Every parent,
25 guardian, or custodian in this State having charge or control of a child under age seven who is
26 enrolled in a public school in grades kindergarten through two shall also cause the child to attend
27 school continuously for a period equal to the time which the public school to which the child is
28 assigned shall be in session unless the child has withdrawn from school."

29 **SECTION 4.(b)** G.S. 115C-238.66(3), as amended by Section 3(b) of this act, reads
30 as rewritten:

31 "(3) School attendance. – Every parent, guardian, or other person in this State
32 having charge or control of a child who is enrolled in the regional school and
33 who is less than ~~17-18 years and six months~~ of age shall cause such child to
34 attend school continuously for a period equal to the time that the regional
35 school shall be in session, unless the child graduates from high school. No
36 person shall encourage, entice, or counsel any child to be unlawfully absent
37 from the regional school. Any person who aids or abets a student's unlawful
38 absence from the regional school shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a Class
39 1 misdemeanor. The principal shall be responsible for implementing such
40 additional policies concerning compulsory attendance as shall be adopted by
41 the board of directors, including regulations concerning lawful and unlawful
42 absences, permissible excuses for temporary absences, maintenance of
43 attendance records, and attendance counseling."

44 **SECTION 4.(c)** G.S. 116-235(b)(2), as amended by Section 3(c) of this act, reads as
45 rewritten:

46 "(2) School Attendance. – Every parent, guardian, or other person in this State
47 having charge or control of a child who is enrolled in the School and who is
48 less than ~~17-18 years and six months~~ of age shall cause such child to attend
49 school continuously for a period equal to the time which the School shall be
50 in session, unless the child graduates from high school. No person shall
51 encourage, entice, or counsel any child to be unlawfully absent from the

1 School. Any person who aids or abets a student's unlawful absence from the
2 School shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. The
3 Chancellor of the School shall be responsible for implementing such
4 additional policies concerning compulsory attendance as shall be adopted by
5 the Board of Trustees, including regulations concerning lawful and unlawful
6 absences, permissible excuses for temporary absences, maintenance of
7 attendance records, and attendance counseling."

8 **SECTION 4.(d)** G.S. 116-239.8(b)(5), as amended by Section 3(d) of this act, reads
9 as rewritten:

10 "(5) School attendance. – Every parent, guardian, or other person in this State
11 having charge or control of a child who is enrolled in the laboratory school
12 and who is less than ~~17-18~~ years ~~and six months~~ of age shall cause such child
13 to attend school continuously for a period equal to the time that the laboratory
14 school shall be in session, unless the child graduates from high school. No
15 person shall encourage, entice, or counsel any child to be unlawfully absent
16 from the laboratory school. Any person who aids or abets a student's unlawful
17 absence from the laboratory school shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a Class
18 1 misdemeanor. The principal shall be responsible for implementing such
19 additional policies concerning compulsory attendance as shall be adopted by
20 the chancellor, including regulations concerning lawful and unlawful
21 absences, permissible excuses for temporary absences, maintenance of
22 attendance records, and attendance counseling."

23 **SECTION 4.(e)** G.S. 7B-1501(27), as amended by Section 3(e) of this act, reads as
24 rewritten:

25 "(27) Undisciplined juvenile. – A
26 a. ~~A juvenile who, while less than 17-18 years and six months of age but~~
27 ~~at least 6 years of age, is unlawfully absent from school; or is regularly~~
28 ~~disobedient to and beyond the disciplinary control of the juvenile's~~
29 ~~parent, guardian, or custodian; or is regularly found in places where it~~
30 ~~is unlawful for a juvenile to be; or has run away from home for a period~~
31 ~~of more than 24 hours; or hours.~~
32 b. ~~A juvenile who is between (i) 17 years and six months of age and (ii)~~
33 ~~18 years of age and who is regularly disobedient to and beyond the~~
34 ~~disciplinary control of the juvenile's parent, guardian, or custodian; or~~
35 ~~is regularly found in places where it is unlawful for a juvenile to be; or~~
36 ~~has run away from home for a period of more than 24 hours."~~

37 **SECTION 4.(f)** G.S. 143B-805(20), as amended by Section 3(f) of this act, reads as
38 rewritten:

39 "(20) Undisciplined juvenile. – A
40 a. ~~A juvenile who, while less than 17-18 years and six months of age but~~
41 ~~at least 6 years of age, is unlawfully absent from school; or is regularly~~
42 ~~disobedient to and beyond the disciplinary control of the juvenile's~~
43 ~~parent, guardian, or custodian; or is regularly found in places where it~~
44 ~~is unlawful for a juvenile to be; or has run away from home for a period~~
45 ~~of more than 24 hours; or hours.~~
46 b. ~~A juvenile who is between (i) 17 years and six months of age and (ii)~~
47 ~~18 years of age and who is regularly disobedient to and beyond the~~
48 ~~disciplinary control of the juvenile's parent, guardian, or custodian; or~~
49 ~~is regularly found in places where it is unlawful for a juvenile to be; or~~
50 ~~has run away from home for a period of more than 24 hours."~~

51 **SECTION 4.(g)** Section 8.21 of S.L. 2016-94 is repealed.

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2 **PART V. COMPLETION RATE INDICATOR FOR SCHOOL PERFORMANCE**
3 **GRADES**

4 **SECTION 5.(a)** G.S. 115C-83.15(b)(2) reads as rewritten:

- 5 "(2) For schools serving any students in ninth through twelfth grade, the State
6 Board shall assign points on the following measures available for that school:
7 a. One point for each percent of students who score at or above proficient
8 on either the Algebra I or Integrated Math I end-of-course test or, for
9 students who completed Algebra I or Integrated Math I before ninth
10 grade, another mathematics course with an end-of-course test.
11 b. One point for each percent of students who score at or above proficient
12 on the English II end-of-course test.
13 c. One point for each percent of students who score at or above proficient
14 on the Biology end-of-course test.
15 d. One point for each percent of students who complete Algebra II or
16 Integrated Math III with a passing grade.
17 e. One point for each percent of students who either (i) achieve the
18 minimum score required for admission into a constituent institution of
19 The University of North Carolina on a nationally normed test of
20 college readiness or (ii) are enrolled in Career and Technical
21 Education courses and score at Silver, Gold, or Platinum levels on a
22 nationally normed test of workplace readiness.
23 f. Repealed by Session Laws 2019-142, s. 1, effective July 19, 2019, and
24 applicable to measures based on data from the 2018-2019 school year
25 and each school year thereafter.
26 g. One point for each percent of students who graduate within four years
27 of entering high school.
28 h. One point for each percent of students who progress in achieving
29 English language proficiency.
30 i. One half of a point for each percent of students who meet one of the
31 following criteria within five years of entering high school:
32 1. Graduate from high school.
33 2. Earn an adult high school diploma.
34 3. Earn an adult high school equivalency diploma.

35 In calculating the overall school achievement score earned by schools, the State Board of
36 Education shall (i) use a composite approach to weigh the achievement elements based on the
37 number of students measured by any given achievement element and (ii) proportionally adjust
38 the scale to account for the absence of a school achievement element for award of scores to a
39 school that does not have a measure of one of the school achievement elements annually assessed
40 for the grades taught at that school. The overall school achievement score shall be translated to a
41 100-point scale and used for school reporting purposes as provided in G.S. 115C-12(9)c1.,
42 115C-218.65, 115C-238.66, and 116-239.8."

43 **SECTION 5.(b)** G.S. 115C-83.16(a)(2) reads as rewritten:

- 44 "(2) For schools serving any students in ninth through twelfth grade, the State
45 Board shall define the indicators as follows:
46 a. Academic indicators. –
47 1. The academic achievement indicator shall include the
48 following measures:
49 I. Proficiency on either the Algebra I or Integrated Math
50 I end-of-course test or, for students who completed

- 1 Algebra I or Integrated Math I before ninth grade,
- 2 another mathematics course with an end-of-course test.
- 3 II. Proficiency on the English II end-of-course test.
- 4 III. The growth score earned by schools.
- 5 2. Repealed by Session Laws 2017-206, s. 1(b), effective August
- 6 30, 2017, and applicable beginning with the 2017-2018 school
- 7 year.
- 8 3. The graduation rate indicator shall be the percentage of
- 9 students who graduate within four years of entering high
- 10 school.
- 11 4. The English language proficiency indicator shall be the
- 12 percentage of students who progress in achieving English
- 13 language proficiency.
- 14 b. School quality and student success indicator. – The school quality and
- 15 student success indicator shall be made up of the following measures:
- 16 1. Proficiency on the Biology end-of-course test.
- 17 2. The percentage of students who complete Algebra II or
- 18 Integrated Math III with a passing grade.
- 19 3. The percentage of students who either (i) achieve the minimum
- 20 score required for admission into a constituent institution of
- 21 The University of North Carolina on a nationally normed test
- 22 of college readiness or (ii) are enrolled in Career and Technical
- 23 Education courses and score at Silver, Gold, or Platinum levels
- 24 on a nationally normed test of workplace readiness.
- 25 4. Repealed by Session Laws 2019-142, s. 2, effective July 19,
- 26 2019, and applicable to measures based on data from the
- 27 2018-2019 school year and each school year thereafter.
- 28 5. The percentage of students who meet one of the following
- 29 criteria within five years of entering high school:
- 30 I. Graduate from high school.
- 31 II. Earn an adult high school diploma.
- 32 III. Earn an adult high school equivalency diploma."

33 **SECTION 5.(c)** G.S. 115C-12 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

34 "(27b) Duty to Provide Dropout Data to the State Board of Community Colleges. –

35 For the purposes of calculating the high school completion rate required by

36 G.S. 115C-83.15(b)(2)i., by June 15 of each year, the State Board of

37 Education shall provide the State Board of Community Colleges with

38 identifying information for any students who meet the following criteria:

- 39 a. The student unenrolled from a public school unit before graduation or
- 40 completion of a program of study without transferring to another
- 41 secondary school.
- 42 b. The student entered high school no more than five years earlier."

43 **SECTION 5.(d)** G.S. 115D-5(a2) reads as rewritten:

44 "(a2) The State Board of Community Colleges shall comply with the following provisions

45 of to ensure an efficient exchange of information between education agencies in the State:

- 46 (1) The provisions of G.S. 116-11(10a) to plan and implement an exchange of
- 47 information between the public schools and the institutions of higher
- 48 education in the State.
- 49 (2) By July 15 of each year, for students included in the data provided pursuant
- 50 to G.S. 115C-12(27b), the State Board of Community Colleges shall provide

1 the State Board of Education with the dates that students earned an adult high
2 school equivalency diploma."
3 **SECTION 5.(e)** This section is effective when it becomes law and applies to school
4 performance scores and grades issued based on data from the 2021-2022 school year.
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6 **PART VI. EFFECTIVE DATE**

- 7 **SECTION 6.** This act is effective as follows:
8 (1) Section 1 of this act becomes effective July 1, 2022, and applies beginning
9 with the 2022-2023 school year.
10 (2) Section 2 of this act becomes effective July 1, 2023, and applies beginning
11 with the 2023-2024 school year.
12 (3) Section 3 of this act becomes effective July 1, 2024, and applies beginning
13 with the 2024-2025 school year.
14 (4) Section 4 of this act becomes effective July 1, 2025, and applies beginning
15 with the 2025-2026 school year.
16 (5) The remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law.