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SENATE BILL 68  
PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE S68-PCS35126-BE-7

Short Title: Student Attendance/Page Program Recognition.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

February 13, 2017

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT STUDENT  
3 ATTENDANCE RECOGNITION PROGRAMS AND TO PROVIDE THAT STUDENTS  
4 SERVING AS LEGISLATIVE OR GOVERNOR'S PAGES SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR  
5 PARTICIPATION IN THESE PROGRAMS.

6 Whereas, student attendance is critical for student achievement; and  
7 Whereas, student attendance benefits from institutional encouragement and  
8 recognition; and

9 Whereas, research indicates that there is a connection between student attendance  
10 and rates of graduation; Now, therefore,  
11 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

12 **SECTION 1.** Part 1 of Article 26 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is  
13 amended by adding a new section to read:

14 "**§ 115C-382.5. Student attendance recognition programs.**

15 Local boards of education are encouraged to adopt a student attendance recognition  
16 program within the local school administrative unit to promote student attendance in school and  
17 participation in class as an integral part of academic achievement and the learning process. If  
18 the local board of education adopts a student attendance recognition program, a student with an  
19 absence resulting from service as a legislative page or a Governor's page shall be eligible for  
20 participation in the program, and the student's absence shall not be included as part of the  
21 student's record of attendance for the purposes of the program."

22 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with  
23 the 2017-2018 school year.



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